



FUNCTIONAL TASK TEST:



Data Review

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Background

After space flight there are changes in multiple physiological systems including:

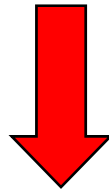
- Cardiovascular function
- Sensorimotor function
- Muscle function



How do changes in these physiological systems impact astronaut functional performance?

Objectives

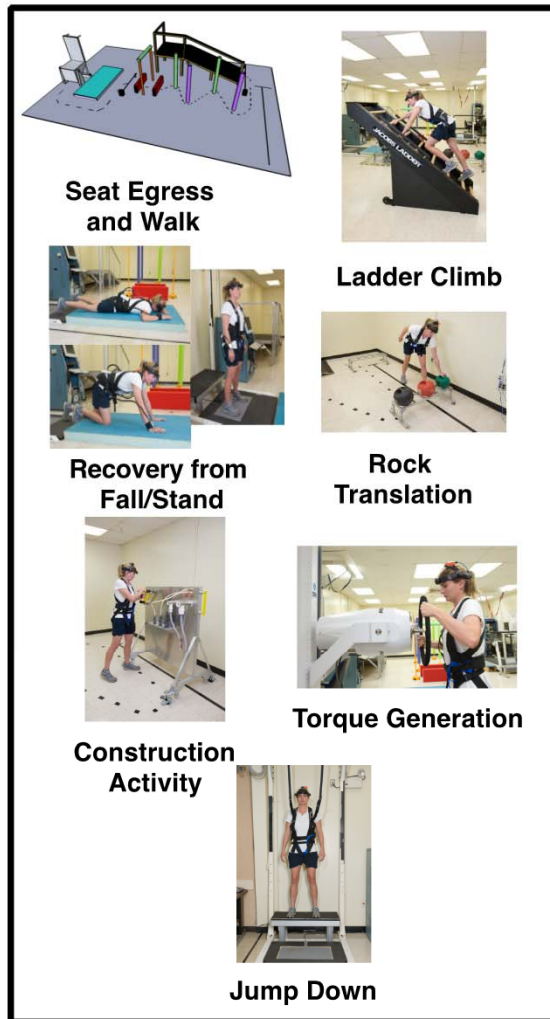
1. Determine the effects of space flight on astronaut's ability to perform mission critical functional tasks.
2. Identify the key physiological factors that contribute to decrements in functional performance.



Inform the design of targeted countermeasures

Functional Task Test (FTT)

Functional Performance



Physiological Measures

Muscle

- Strength
- Power
- Control
- Neuromuscular Drive



Sensorimotor

- Balance
- Gait
- Dynamic Visual Acuity
- Fine Motor Control



Cardiovascular

- Plasma Volume
- Heart Rate
- Blood Pressure



Interdisciplinary testing regimen maps postflight functional performance to related physiological changes.

Subject Groups



Shuttle: 7 subjects
12-16 day flights



ISS: 12 subjects (total n=13)
6 month flights



Bed Rest:

Controls: 11 subjects

Exercise: 9 subjects

Exercise + Testosterone: 8 subjects

70 days bed rest

Testing Schedules



Using Bed Rest as a Sensorimotor Analog

Space flight modifies:

Vestibular and body load information



Bed rest modifies:

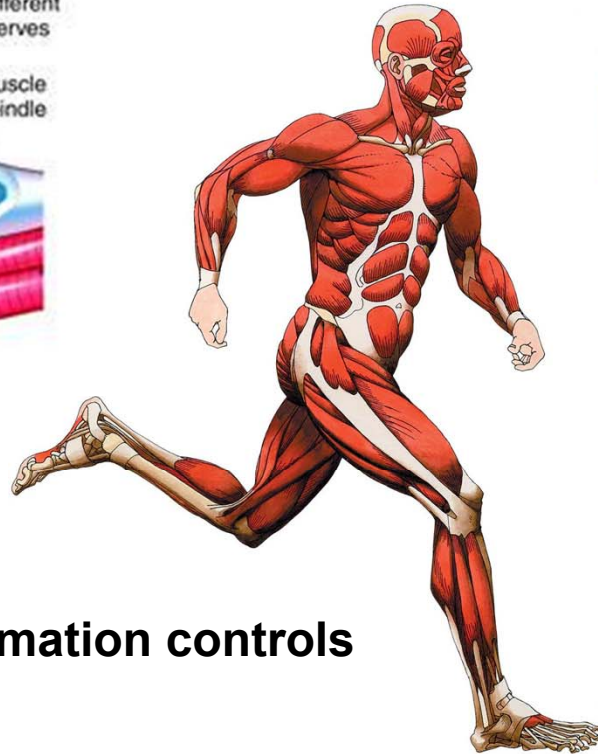
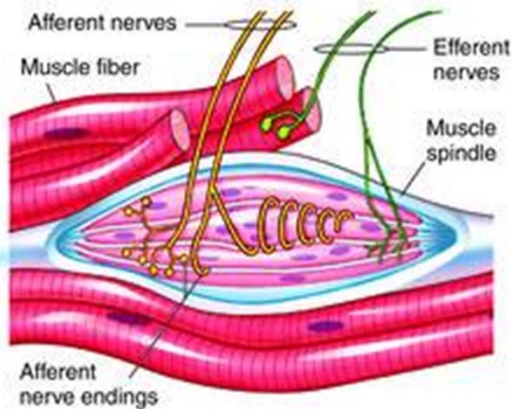
Body load information



Bed rest serves to delineate the role of body unloading in space flight performance changes

Receptors that Detect Body Load

Muscle Spindles

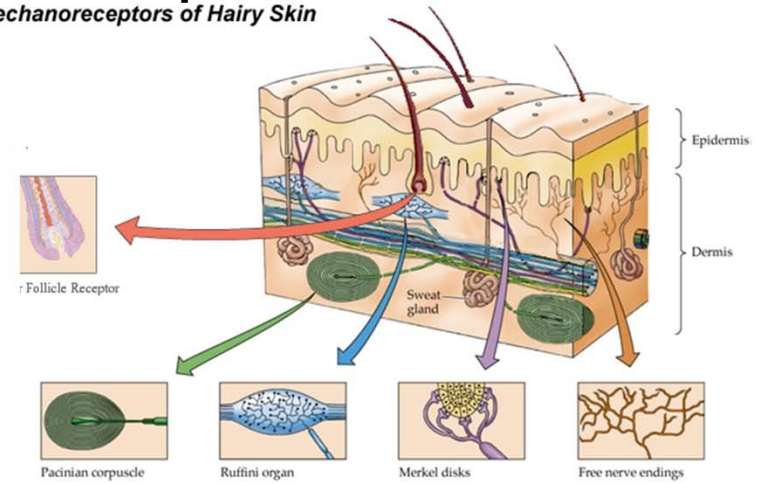


Body loading information controls motor output:

- Balance control
- Generation of stepping patterns
- Termination of gait

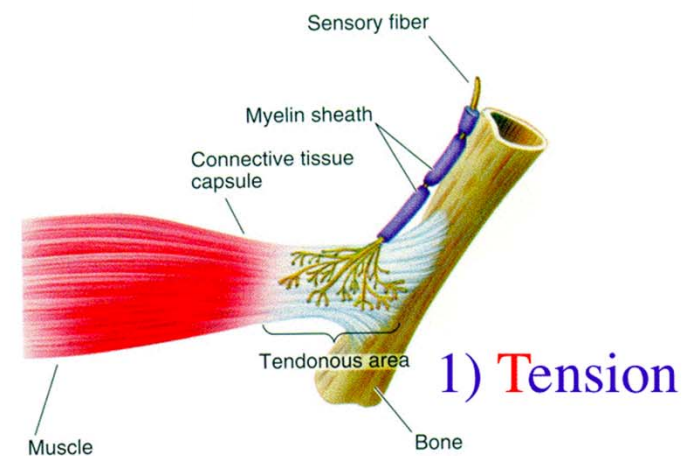
Mechanoreceptors

Mechanoreceptors of Hairy Skin

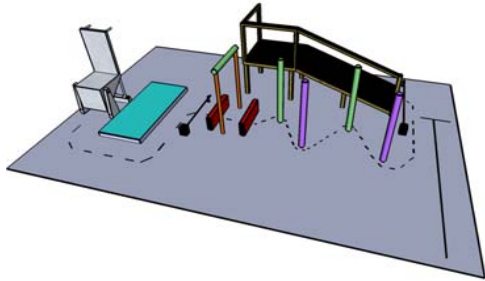


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Functional Tests



***Seat Egress
and Walk***



Ladder Climb



Torque Generation



Rock Translation



***Recovery from
Fall/Stand***



Construction Activity



Jump Down

Functional Tests: Parameter List

TestName	TestCondition	Parameter
All Tests		Heart Rate
Activity Board		Time to Complete Activity Board Test
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Lag Time of Head Yaw relative to Trunk Yaw
Egress	Seated & Reclined	RMS of Head Yaw relative to Trunk Yaw
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from Start through End of Slalom Section
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from Portal Entry through Slalom Section
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time to Decend Ramp
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from Start to Portal Entry
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Total Time to Complete Entire Egress Course
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time to Ascend and Decend Ramp
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from Start through Portal Completion
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time to Complete Portal Section
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from Portal Completion through Slalom Section
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from Start to Top of Ramp
Egress	Seated & Reclined	Time from End of Slalom Course to Top of Ramp
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	Diastolic Blood Pressure
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	Heart Rate
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	Pulse Pressure
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	R-R Interval (High Frequency)
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	R-R Interval (Low:High Frequency Ratio)
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	R-R Interval
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	Systolic Blood Pressure (Low Frequency)
Fall Recovery	Prone & Stand	Systolic Blood Pressure
Fall Recovery	Stand	Settling Time of the Vertical Ground Reaction Force during Transition from Prone to Stand
Fall Recovery	Stand	Mean Sway Speed of Vertical Ground Reaction Force: 2D-Resultant
Fall Recovery	Stand	Mean Sway Speed of Vertical Ground Reaction Force: Anterior-Posterior
Fall Recovery	Stand	Mean Sway Speed of Vertical Ground Reaction Force: Medial-Lateral
Jump Task		Air Time of Jump
Jump Task		Settling Time of the Vertical Ground Reaction Force upon Landing
Jump Task		Peak Vertical Ground Reaction Force upon Landing
Jump Task		Time Difference of Take-Off Between the Leading and Lagging Feet
Jump Task		Time to Peak Vertical Ground Reaction Force upon Landing
Ladder Climb		Time to Climb 40 Rungs on the Ladder
Rock Translation		Time to Move Rocks to Second Rack and Back to First Rack
Rock Translation		Time to Move Rocks to Second Rack Only
Torque Generation	Isometric	Torque Generation: Maximum Isometric Force
Torque Generation	Isotonic	Torque Generation: Number of Turns during Isotonic Test
Torque Generation	Isotonic	Torque Generation: Total Work during Isotonic Test

Physiological Tests: Parameter List

TestName	TestCondition	Parameter
All Tests		Heart Rate
Bench Press	Force Control	Bench Press Force Control: No Visual
Bench Press	Force Control	Bench Press Force Control: Visual
Bench Press	Max Isometric Force	Bench Press Maximum Isometric Force
Bench Press	Max Isometric Force	Bench Press Rate of Force Development
Bench Press	Power Endurance	Bench Press Maximum Power (Endurance Test)
Bench Press	Power Endurance	Bench Press Total Work
Knee Extension	Force Control	Knee Extension Force Control: No Visual
Knee Extension	Force Control	Knee Extension Force Control: Visual
Knee Extension	Twitch	Interpolated Twitch: Central Activation Capacity
Knee Extension	Twitch	Interpolated Twitch: Central Activation Ratio
Knee Extension	Twitch	Knee Extension Maximum Isometric Force
Knee Extension	Twitch	Knee Extension Rate of Force Development
Leg Press	Max Isometric Force	Leg Press Maximum Isometric Force
Leg Press	Max Isometric Force	Leg Press Maximum Isometric Force Normalized to Body Weight
Leg Press	Max Isometric Force	Leg Press Rate of Force Development
Leg Press	Power Endurance	Leg Press Maximum Power (Endurance Test)
Leg Press	Power Endurance	Leg Press Total Work
Line Test		Percent Correct Steps during Line Test
Line Test		RMS of Torso Linear Acceleration (Resultant) over Line Test Trial
Line Test		RMS of Torso Roll Velocity over Line Test Trial
Line Test		RMS of Torso Pitch Velocity over Line Test Trial
Line Test		RMS of Torso Yaw Velocity over Line Test Trial
Line Test		Time to Complete Line Test Trial
Line Test		Tandem Walk (Line Test) Parameter
Fine Motor		Time to Complete Pegboard Task
Plasma Volume		Blood Volume
Plasma Volume		Hematocrit
Plasma Volume		Hemoglobin
Plasma Volume		Plasma Volume
Plasma Volume		Plasma Volume Index
Plasma Volume		Red Cell Volume
Posture Test		Equitest Score
Locomotion	Dynamic	Head pitch: Sum of FFT Spectral Powers between 1.5-2.5 Hz
Locomotion	Dynamic	Maximum Lag from the Cross-Correlation of Head Pitch and Torso Pitch
Locomotion	Dynamic	Maximum Value of the Cross-Correlation of Head Pitch and Torso Pitch
Locomotion	Dynamic	Maximum Lag from the Cross-Correlation of Head Pitch and Torso Vertical Position
Locomotion	Dynamic	Maximum Value of the Cross-Correlation of Head Pitch and Torso Vertical Position
Locomotion	Dynamic	Average Step Time while Walking for the DVA Test
Locomotion	Dynamic	Standard Deviation of Step Time while Walking for the DVA Test
Locomotion	Dynamic	Torso Pitch: Sum of FFT Spectral Powers between 1.5-2.5 Hz
Locomotion	Dynamic	Torso Vertical Position: Sum of FFT Spectral Powers between 1.5-2.5 Hz
Locomotion	Dynamic	Visual Acuity Score Post Bed Rest relative to Average Pre Bed Rest

Instrumentation for Functional Testing

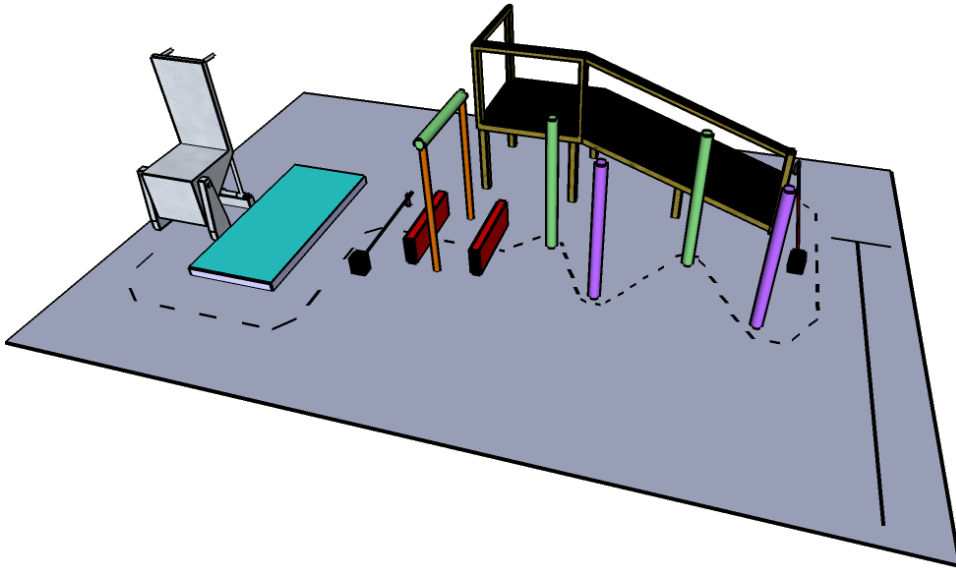
Body motion sensors on head and trunk: kinematics

Holter monitor: ECG

Portapres: continuous blood pressure



Seat Egress and Walk Test



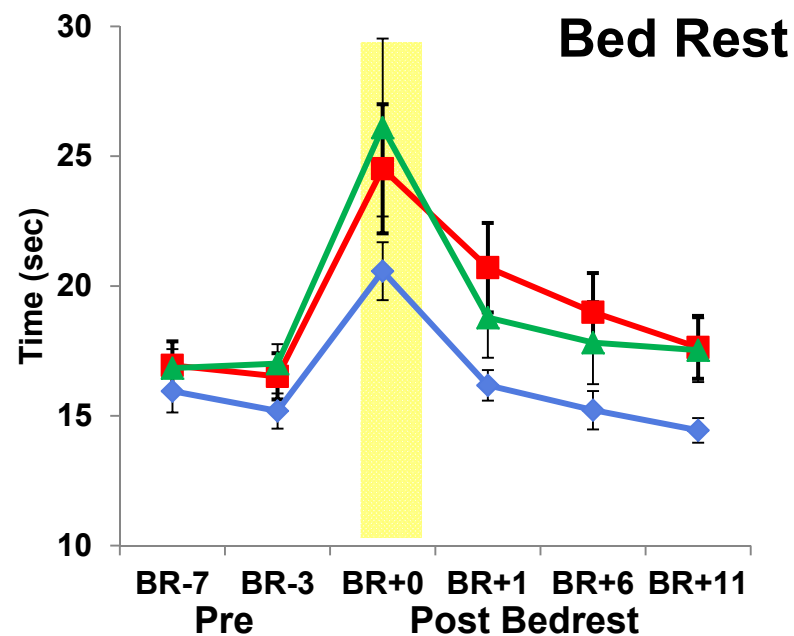
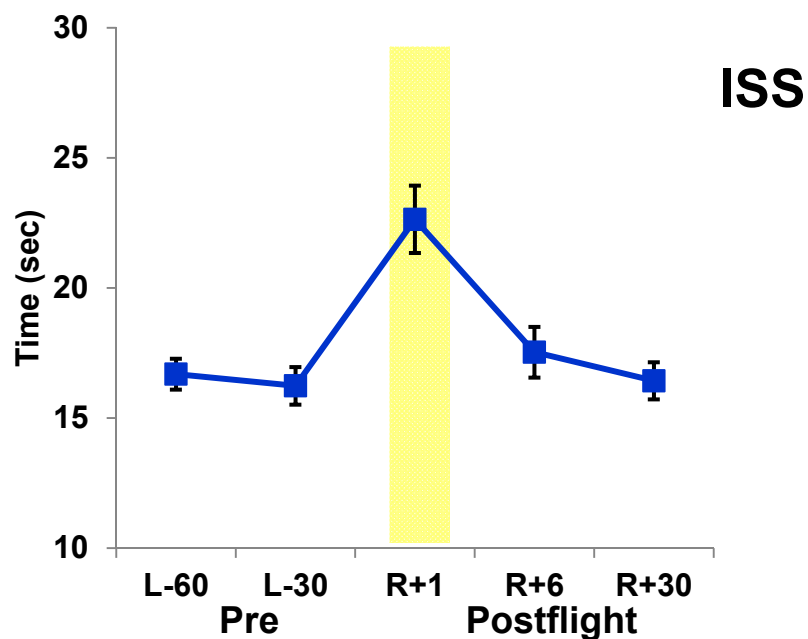
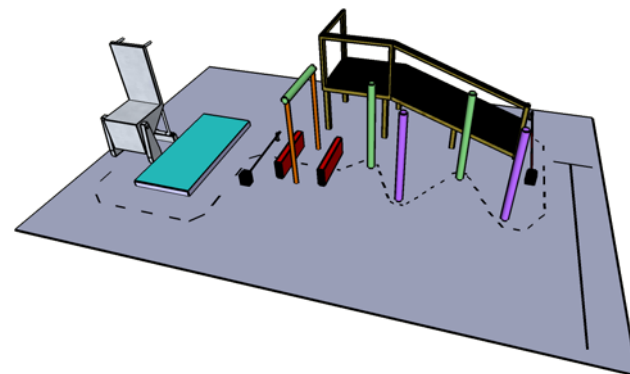
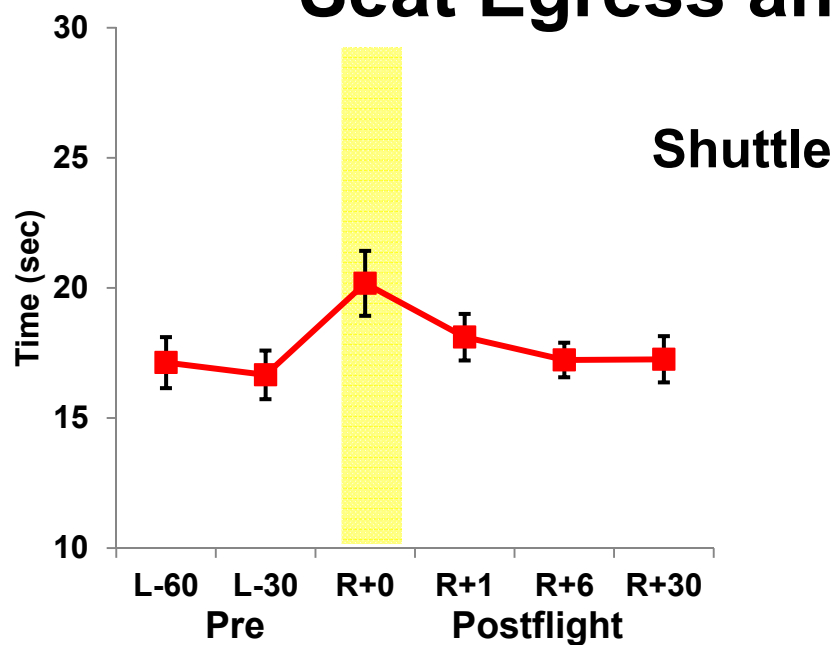
Subject unbuckled a harness, stood up from a seat and then completed an obstacle course.

Testing occurred with:

- Seat upright (Upright Seat Egress)
- Seat positioned with its back to the floor (Supine Seat Egress)

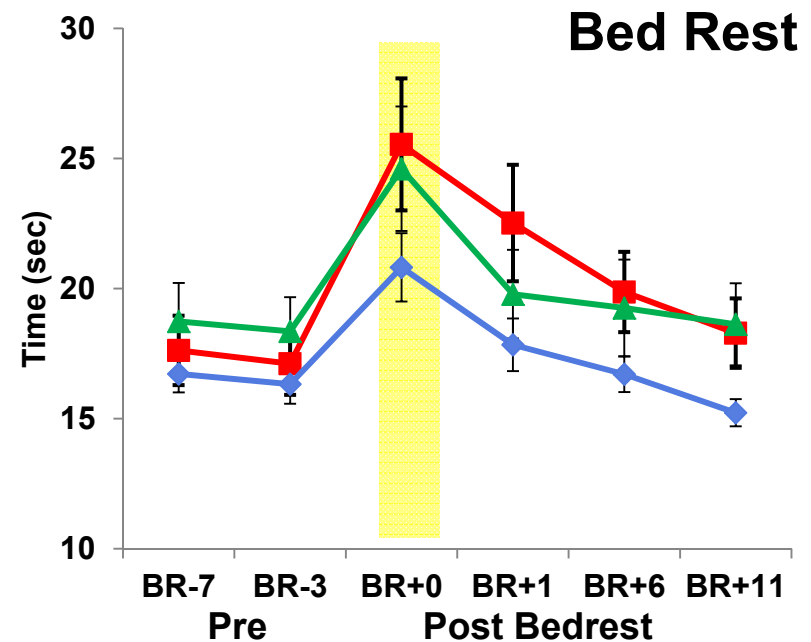
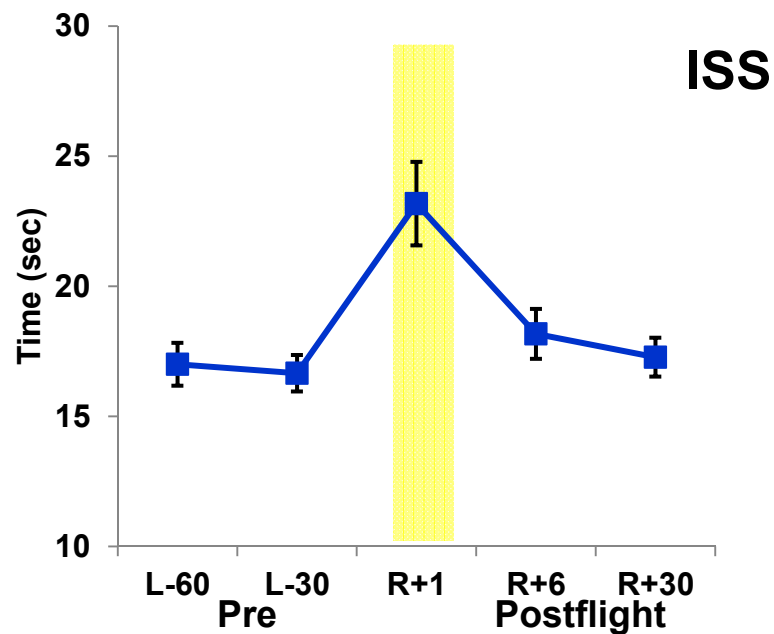
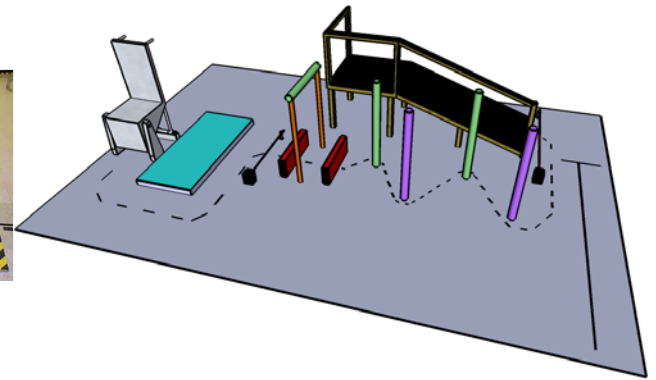
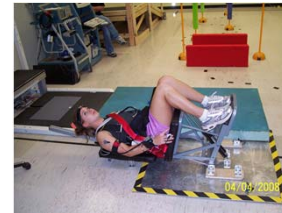
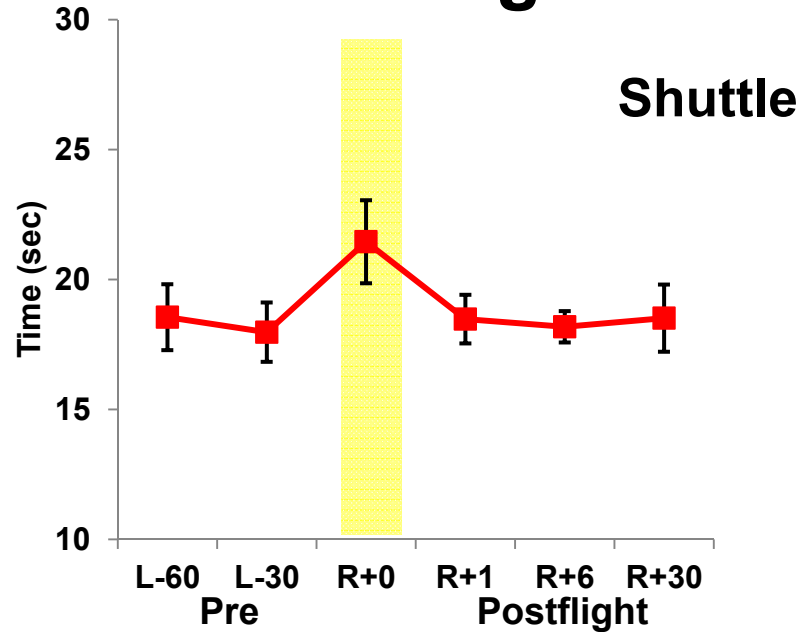


Seat Egress and Walk Test (Upright)



- Control
- ◆ Exercise
- ▲ Exercise+T

Seat Egress and Walk Test (Supine)



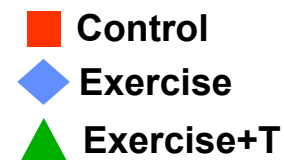
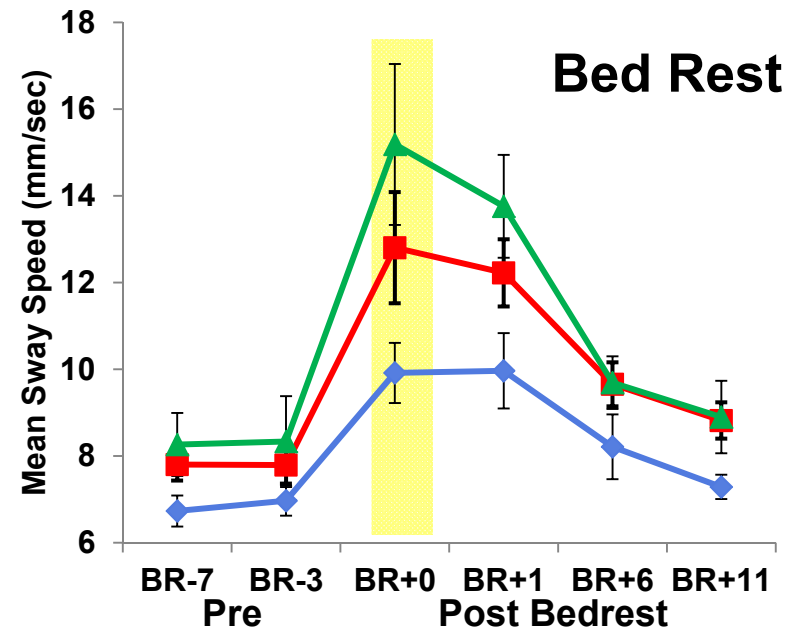
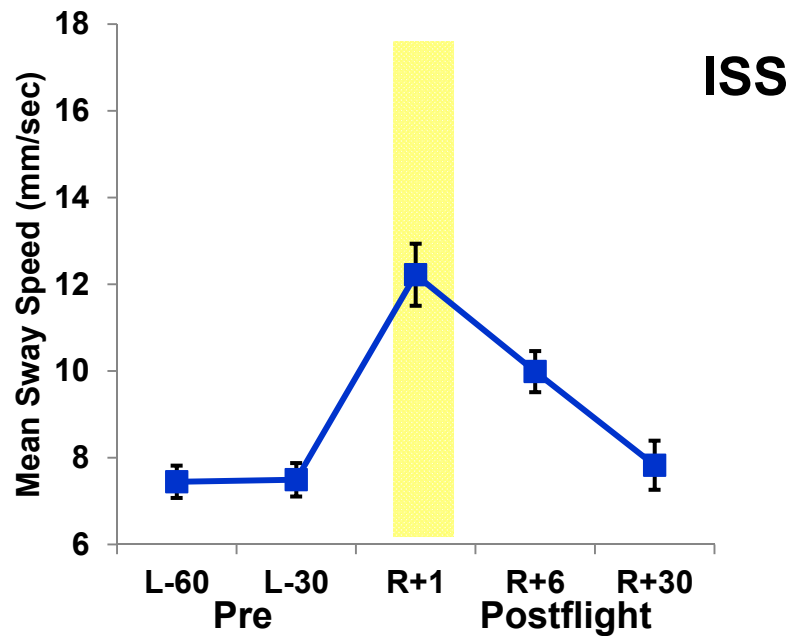
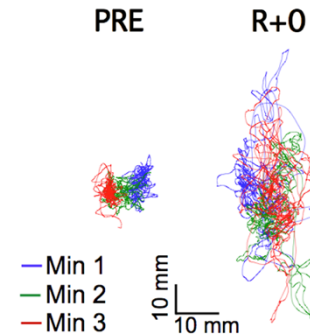
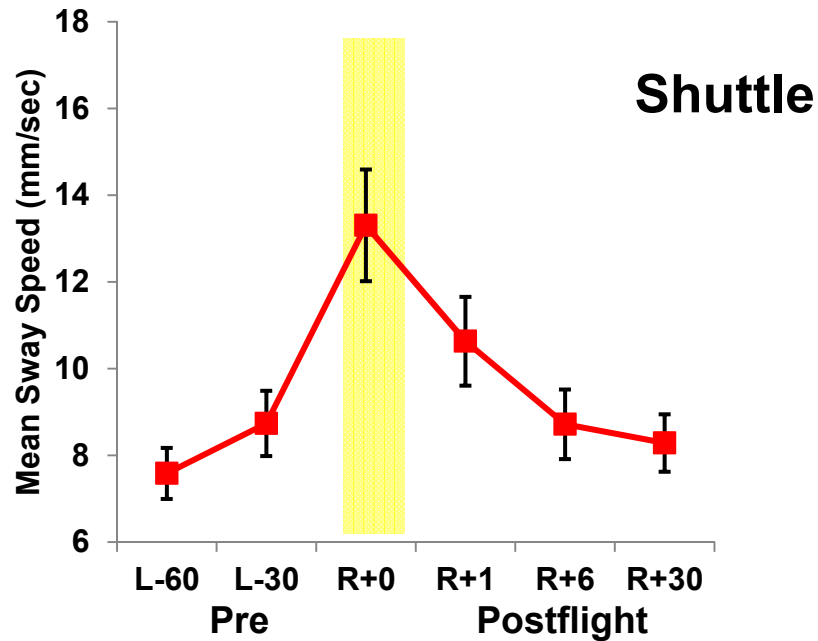
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Recovery from Fall/Stand Test

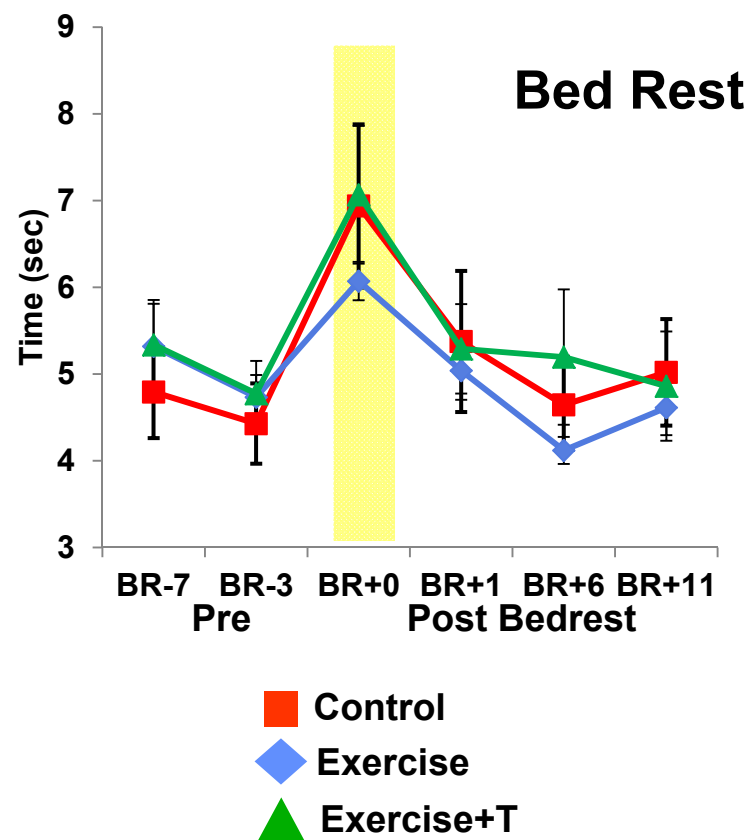
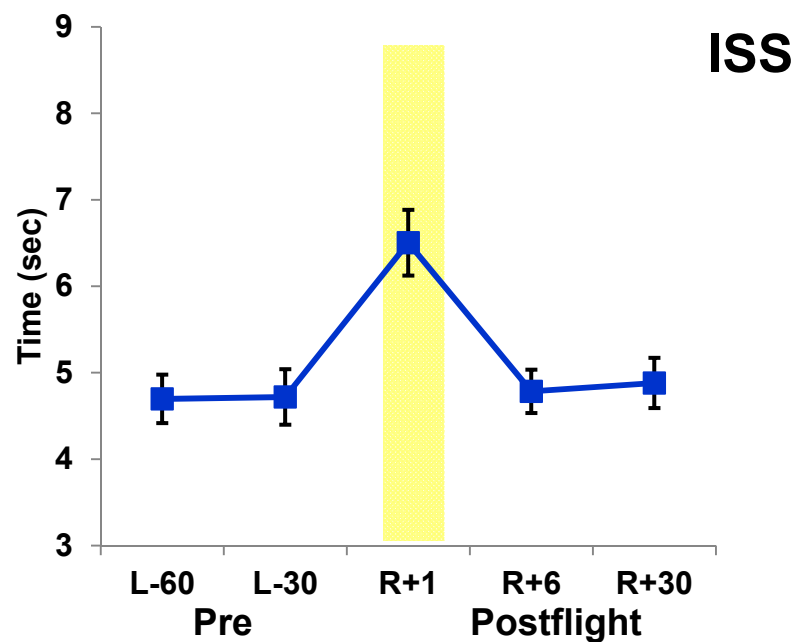
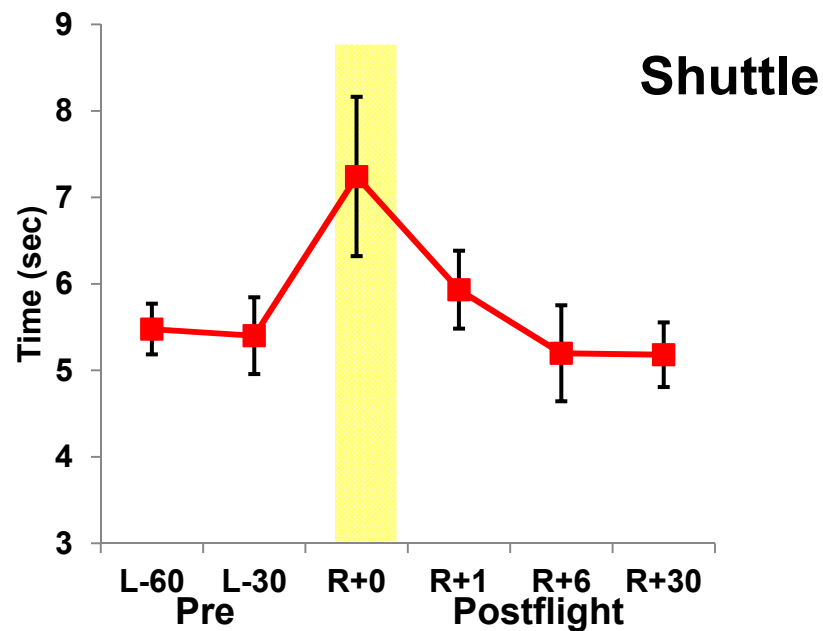


Subjects were asked to lie face down on a foam surface for 2 minutes and then stand up as quickly as possible and step on a force plate and remain standing for 3 minutes.

Recovery from Fall: Mean Sway Speed



Recovery from Fall: Postural Settling Time

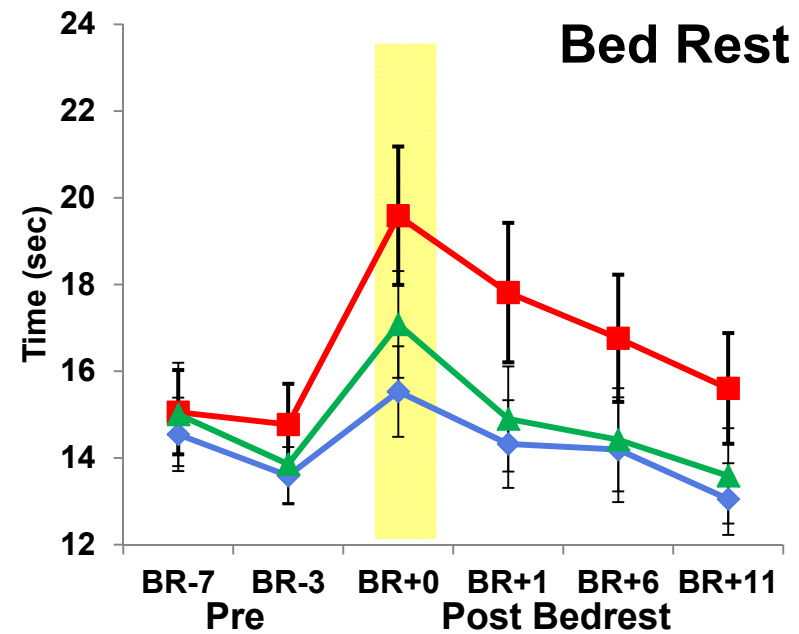
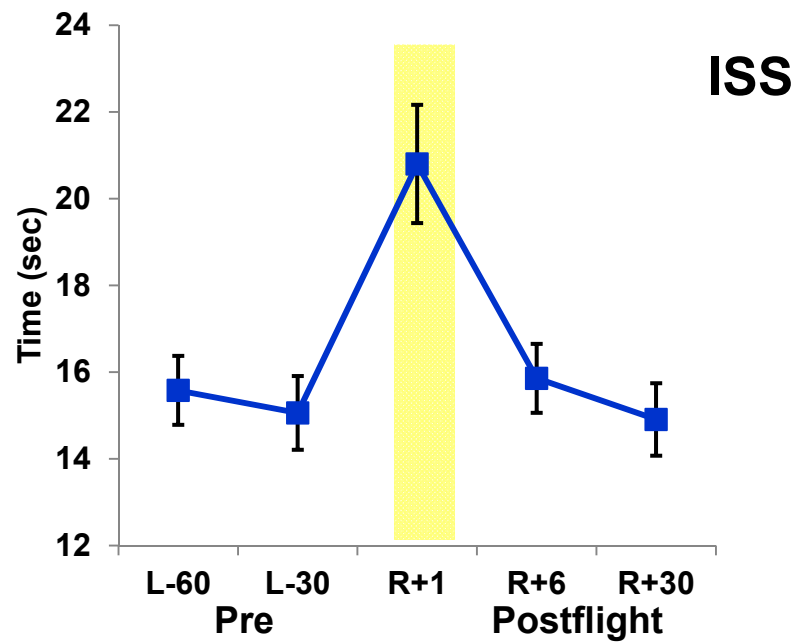
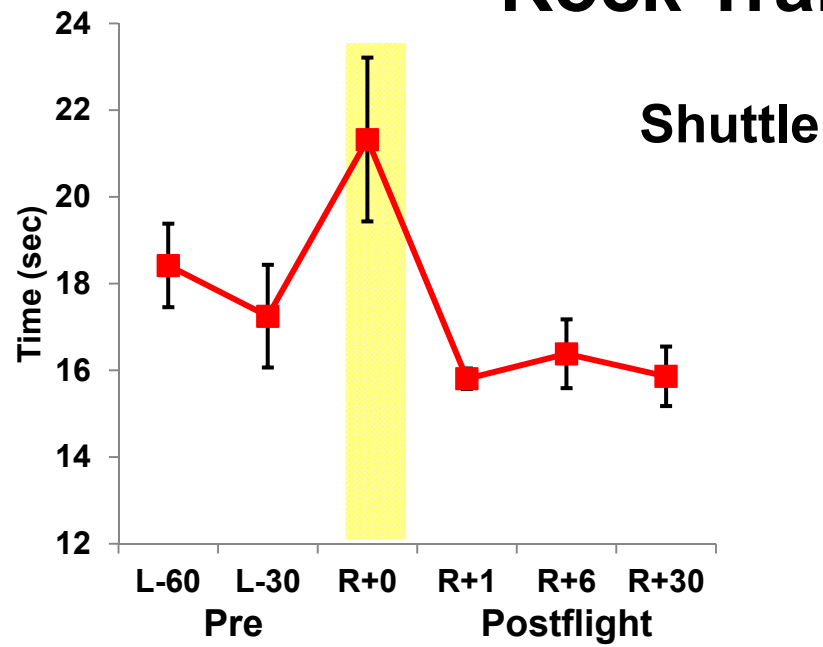


Rock Translation Test



Subjects transferred three weights with handles (2.7 kg, 4.5 kg, 9 kg), one at a time, a distance of 2.4m and placed them in a receptacle and then transferred the weights back to the initial receptacle.

Rock Translation Test



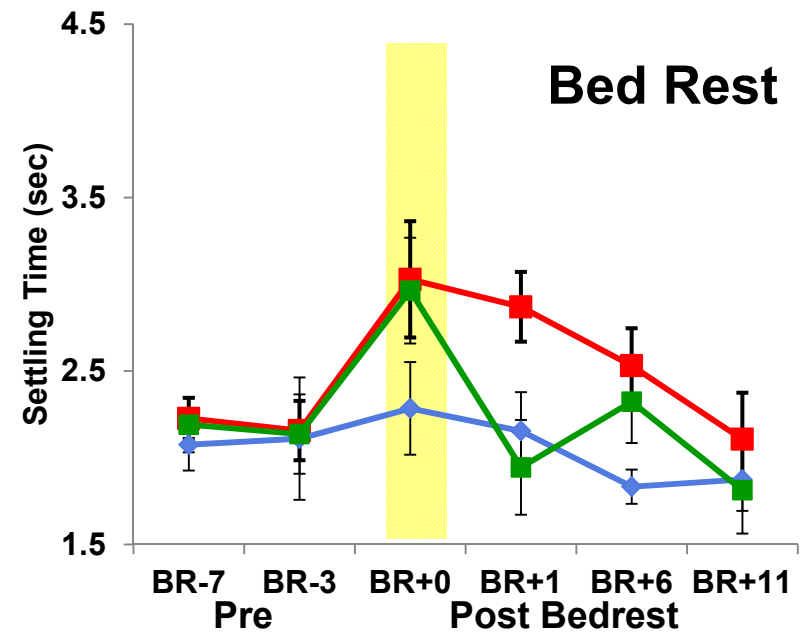
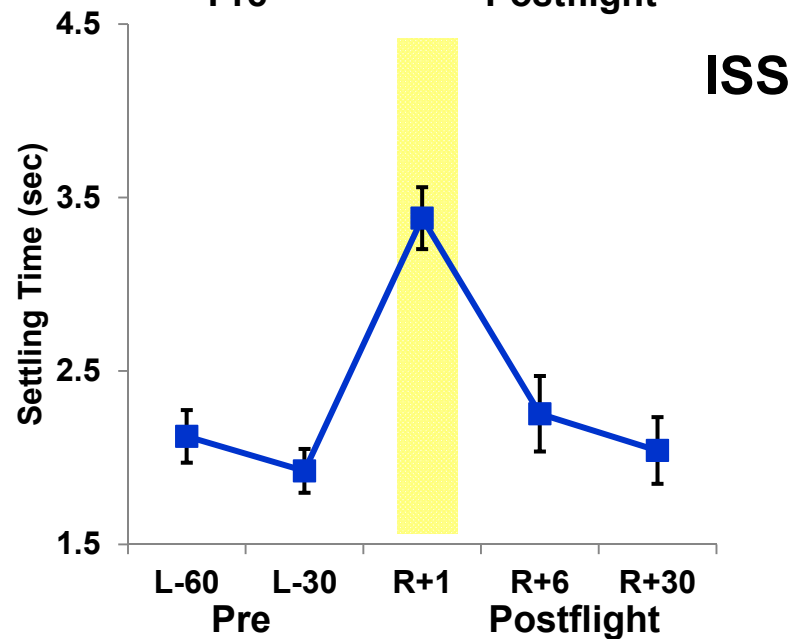
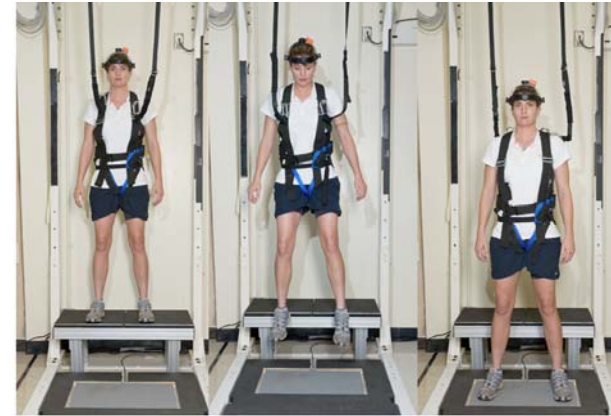
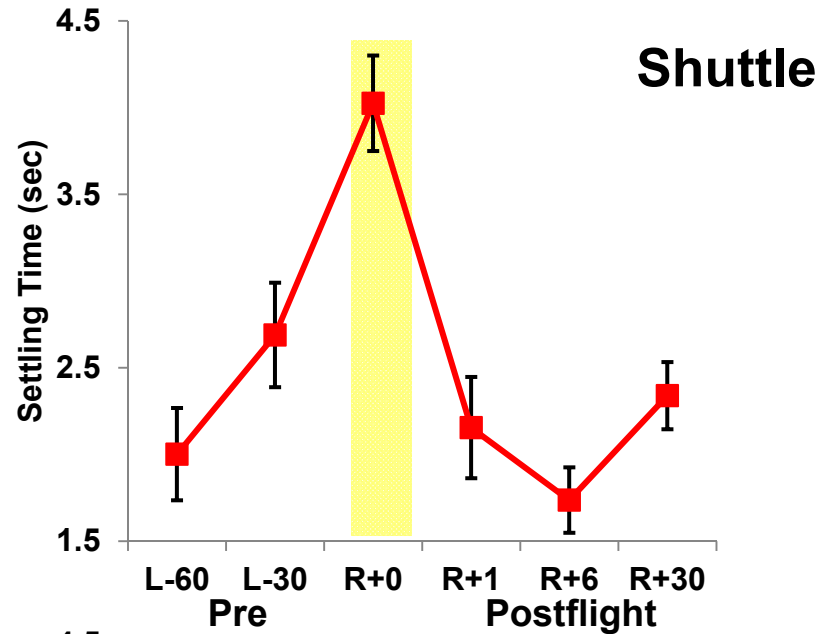
- Control
- Exercise
- Exercise+T

Jump Down Test



Subjects jumped down from a platform (30 cm height) onto a force plate to measure postural stability

Jump Down Test: Postural Settling Time



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- ◆ Exercise
- ▲ Exercise+T

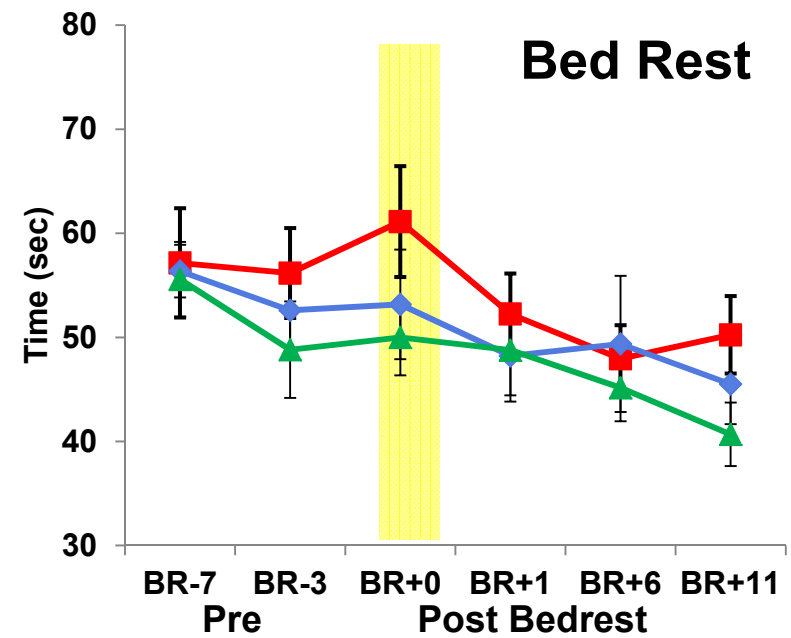
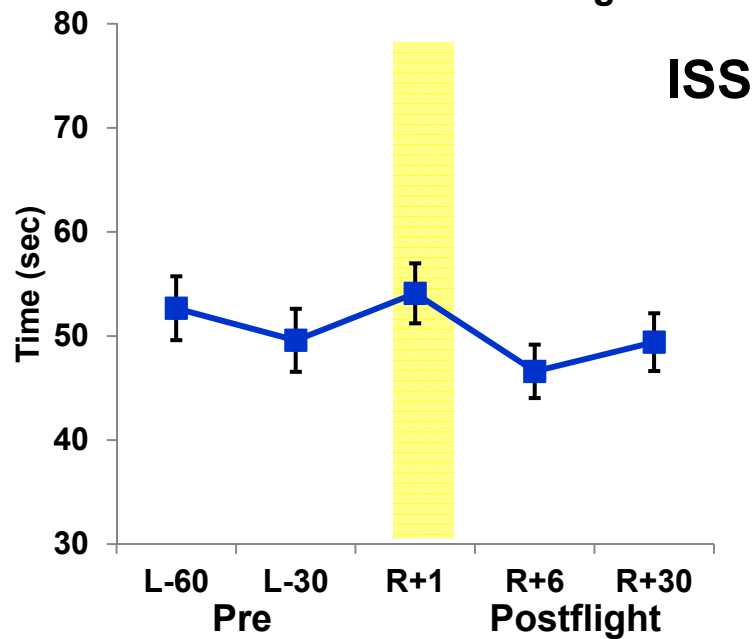
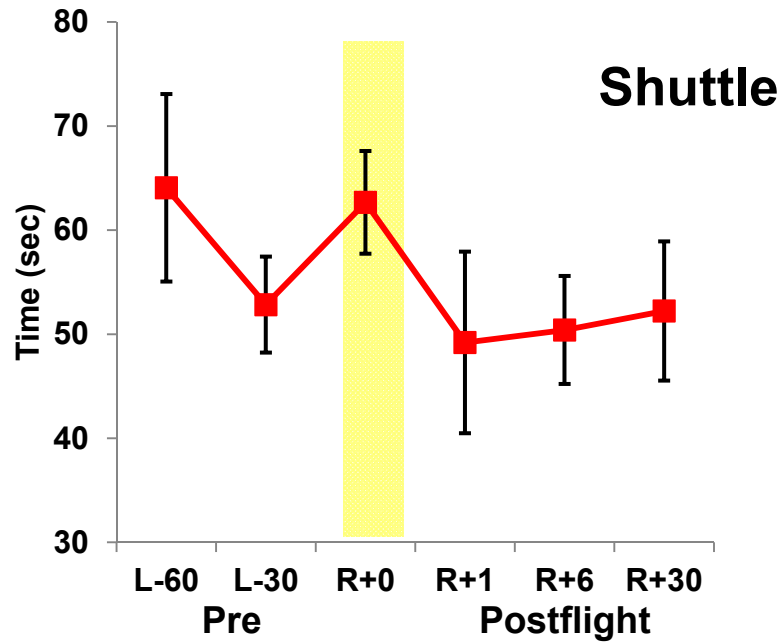
Construction Activity Board

Subjects performed a variety of standard construction and assembly tasks:

- Connecting hoses to receptacles
- Mating a series of electrical connectors
- Using a cordless power tool to remove and tighten bolts on a handle assembly



Construction Activity Board



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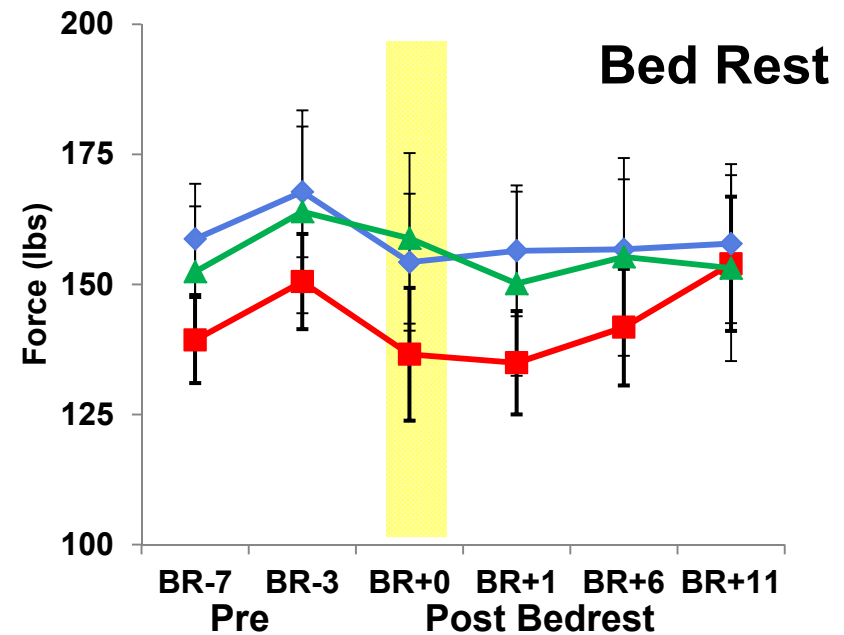
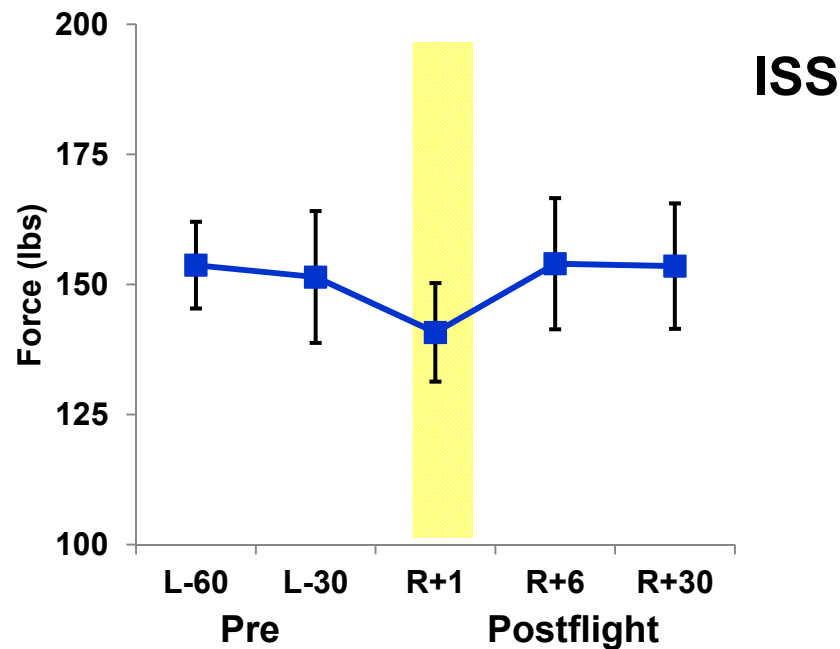
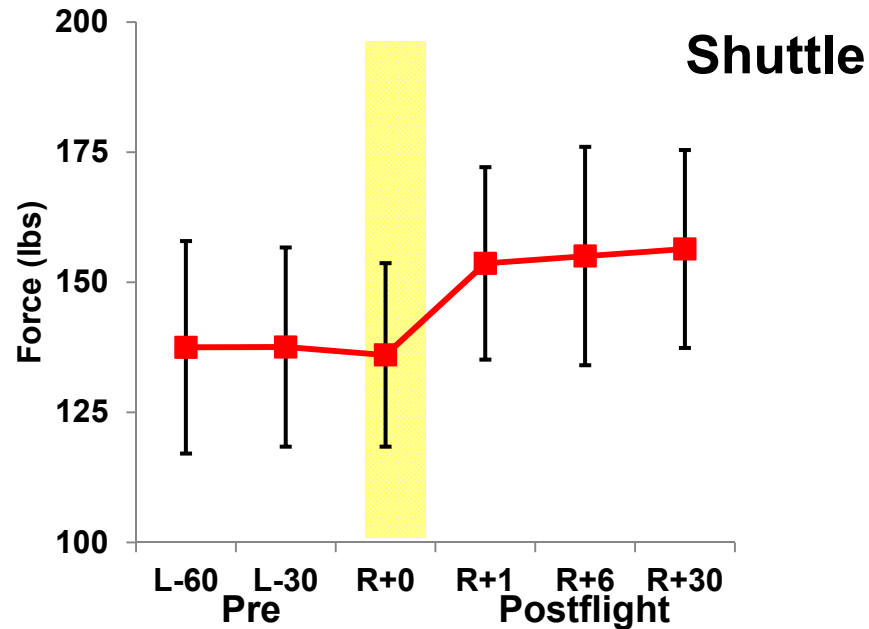
Torque Generation Test



To simulate a hatch-opening task subjects applied torque to a wheel assembly while standing in two conditions:

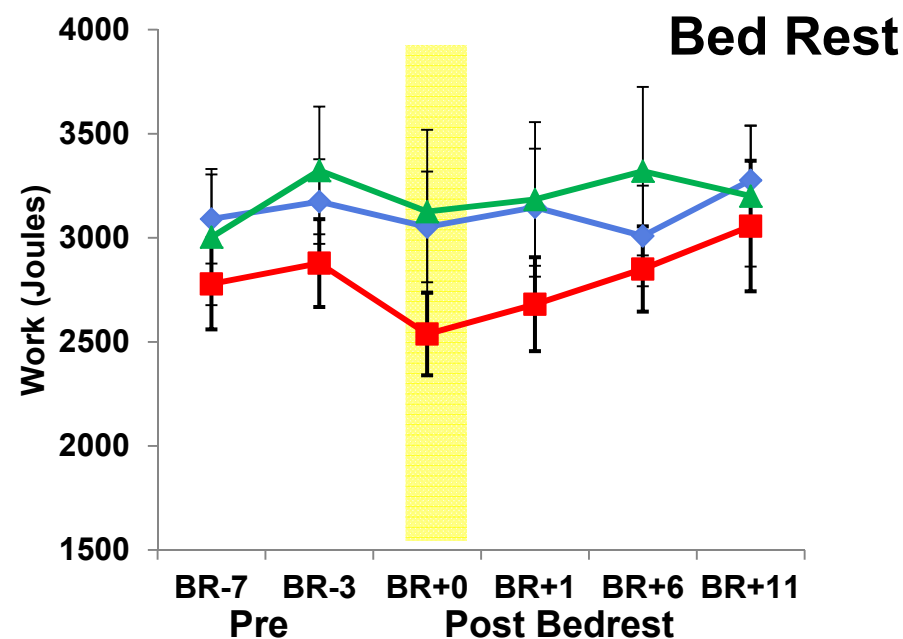
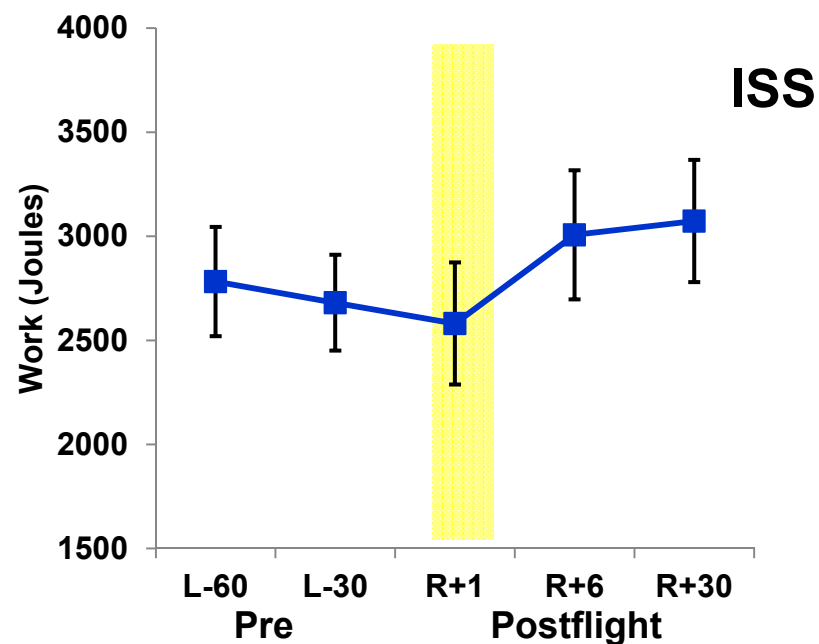
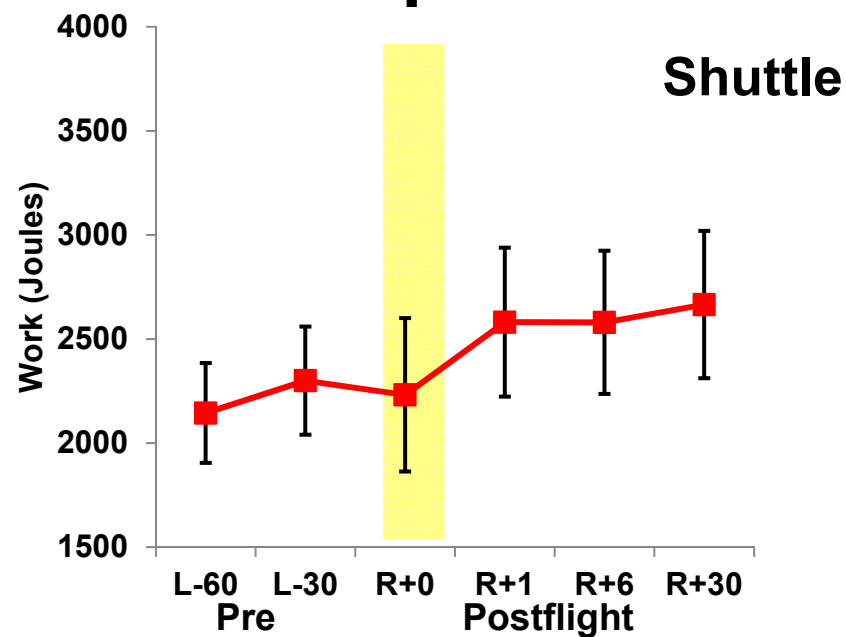
- 1) Wheel fixed: subjects applied peak torque.
- 2) Wheel freely moveable with constant resistance. Subject turned the wheel as many times in 20 sec. at 50% peak torque.

Torque Generation Test: Max. Isometric Force



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Torque Generation Test: Total Work



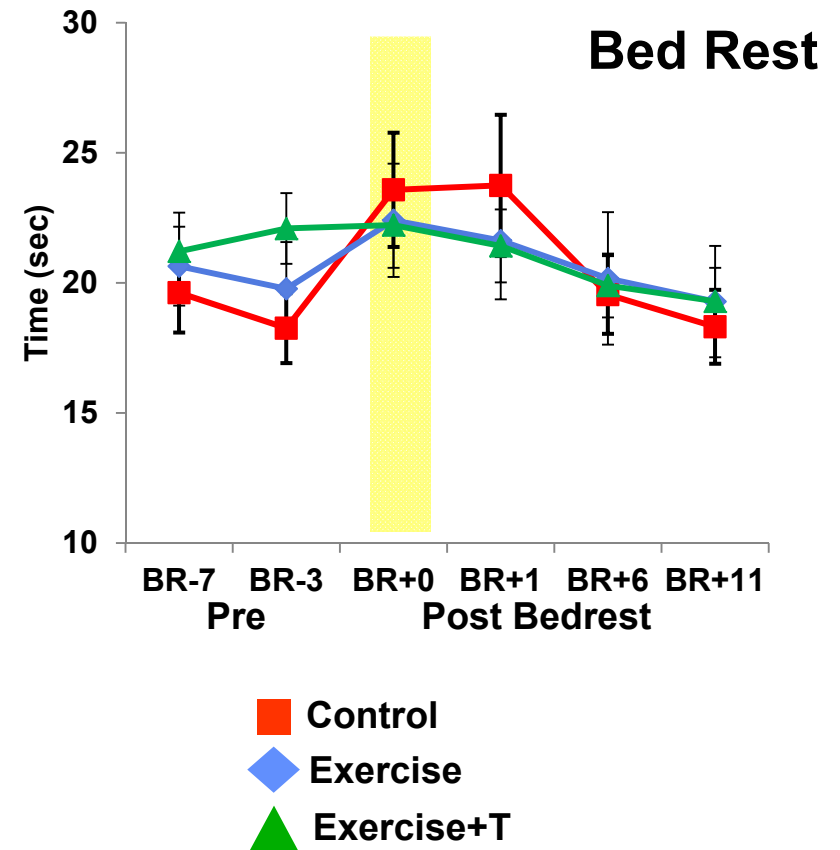
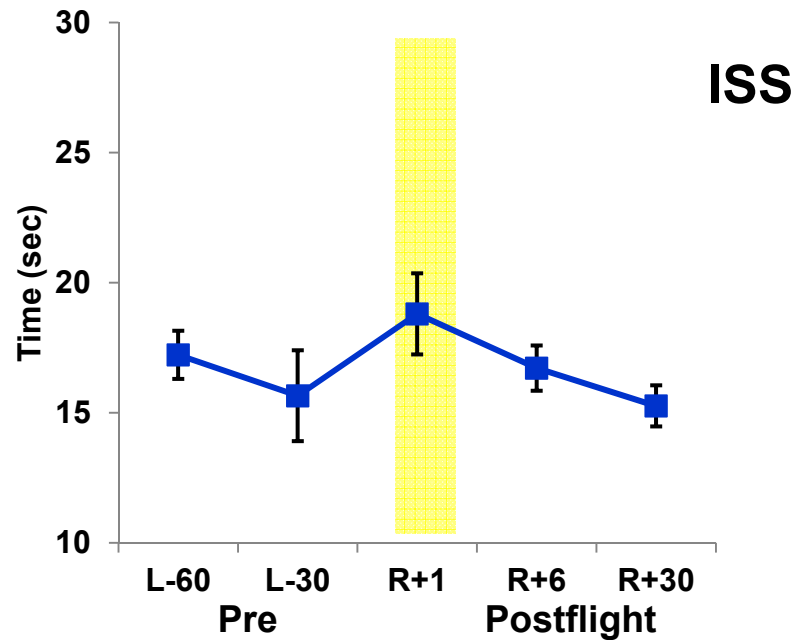
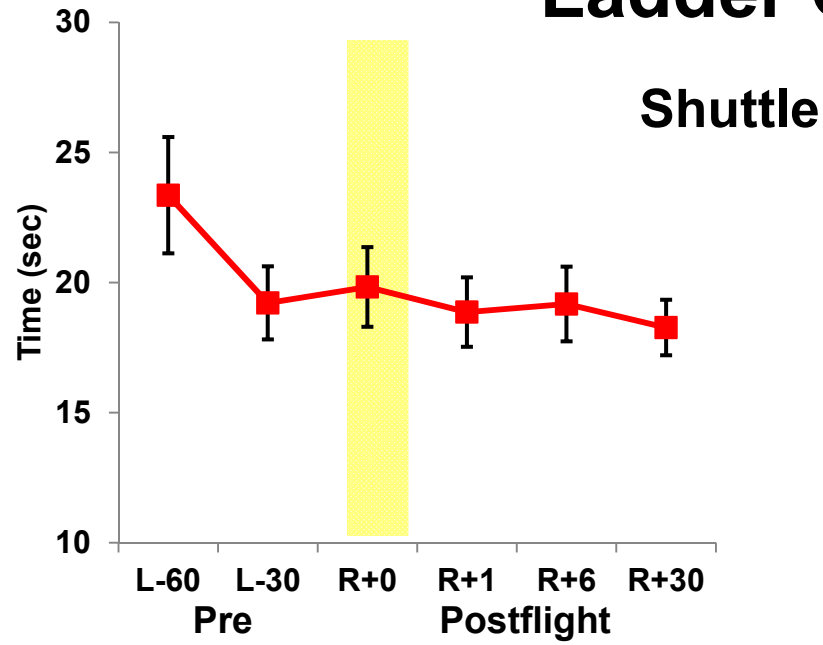
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Ladder Climb Test

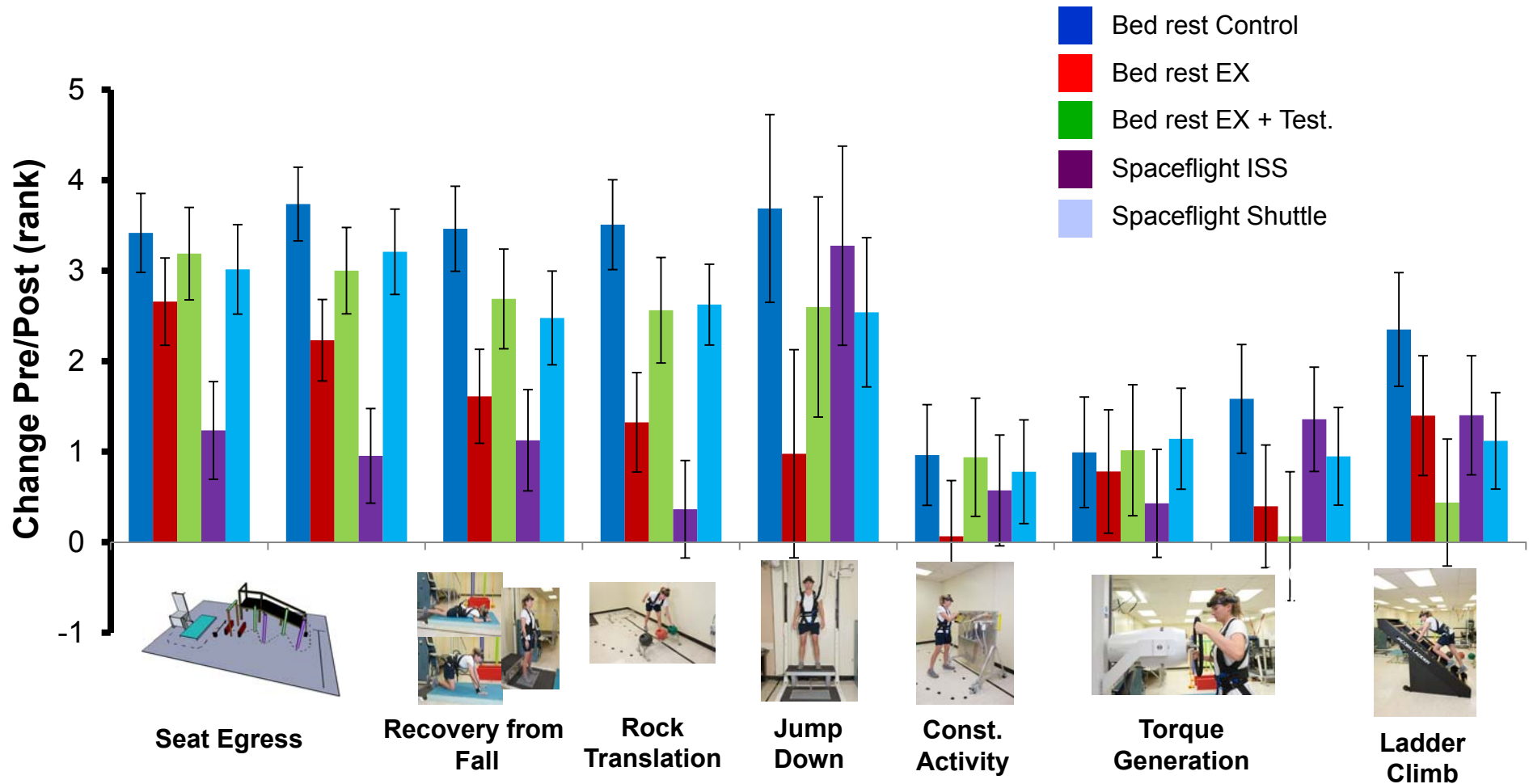


To simulate ladder climbing subjects climbed 40 rungs on a passive treadmill ladder at a self-generated pace.

Ladder Climb Test



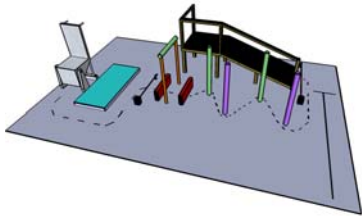
Comparison of Functional Tests



Functional tests with requirements for postural equilibrium to complete (Seat Egress, Recovery from Fall, Rock Translation, Jump Down) showed greatest postflight decrement in performance

Summary: Functional Tests

High Demand for Postural Stability Control



Seat Egress and Walk



Rock Translation



Recovery from Fall/Stand



Jump Down

Low Demand for Postural Stability Control



Construction Activity



Torque Generation



Ladder Climb

Both space flight and bed rest subjects (control and exercisers) showed greatest deficits in functional tests with higher demand for postural stability control.

Physiological Tests

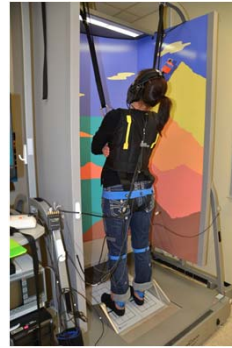
Sensorimotor

Postural stability

Fine motor control

Gait control

Dynamic visual acuity



Cardiovascular

Plasma volume

Heart Rate

Blood Pressure



Muscle Performance

Lower body:

Max. isometric force, power/endurance, force control and neuromuscular drive



Upper body:

Max. isometric force, force control, power/endurance

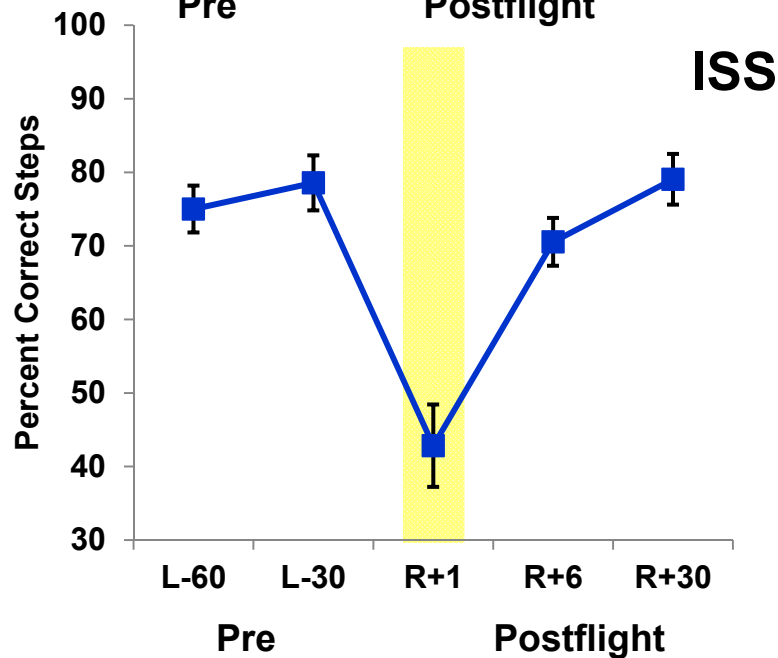
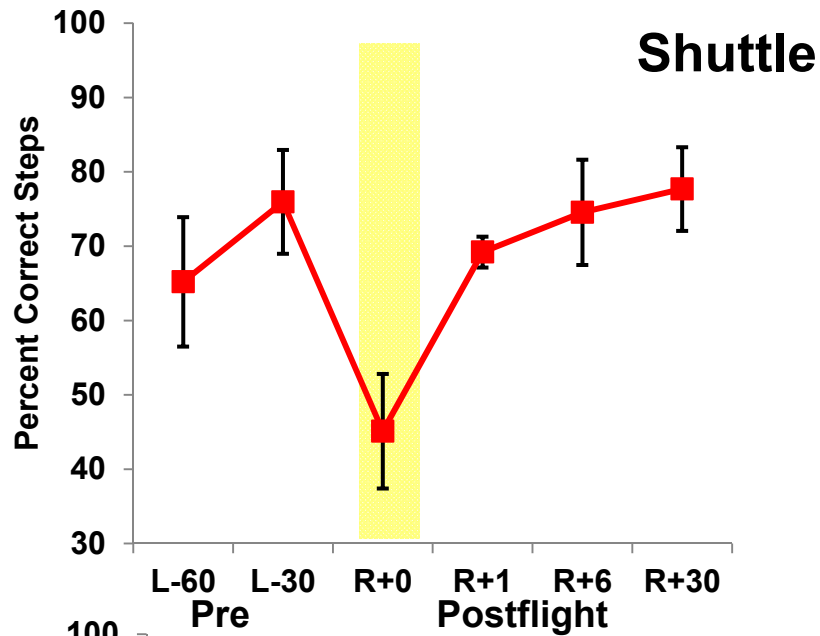


Tandem Walk Test

Subjects attempted to walk 10 steps with the eyes closed, arms folded across the chest, while placing the feet in a tandem heel-to-toe position for each step.

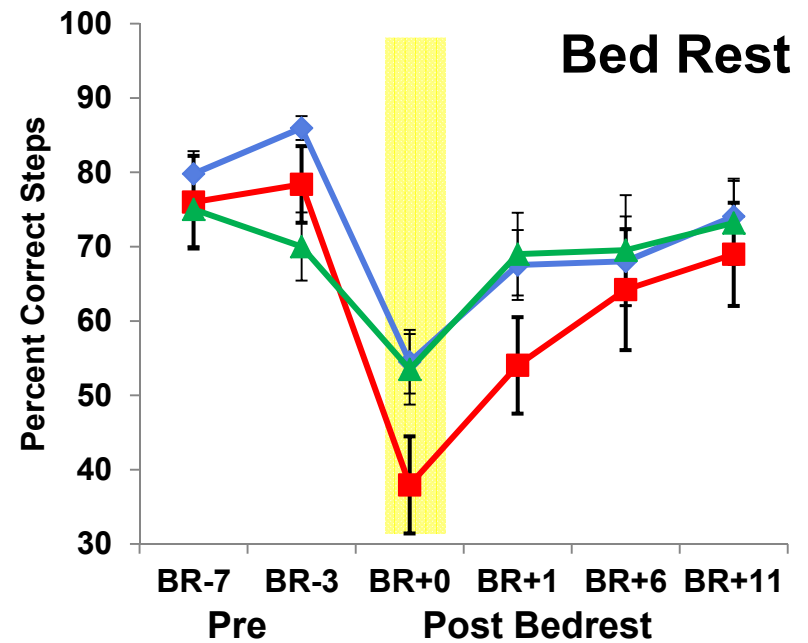


Tandem Walk Test: Percentage of Correct Steps



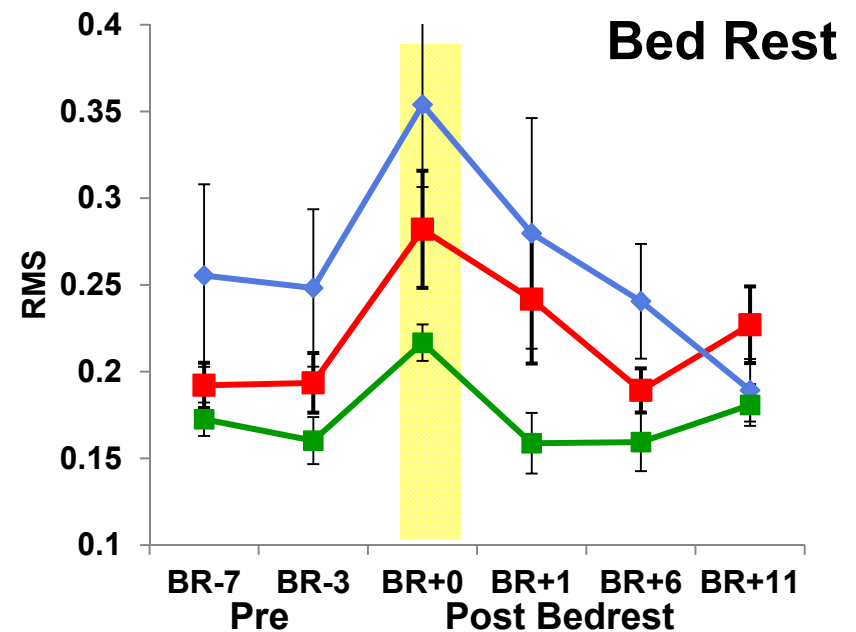
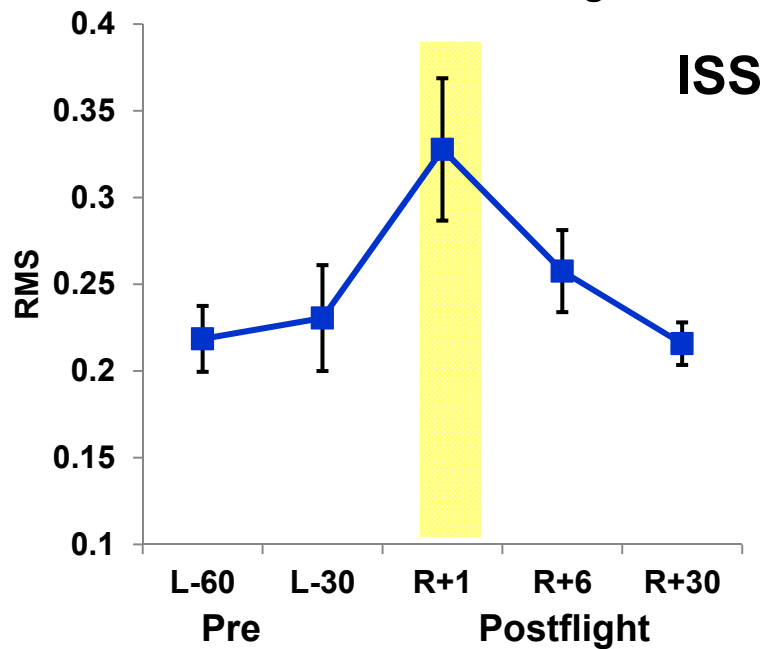
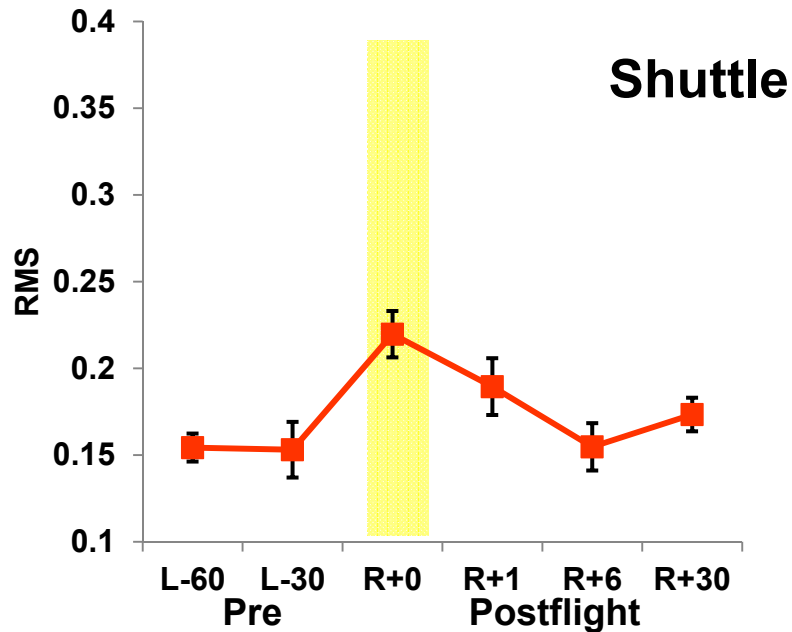
Incorrect Steps:

sidestepped, opened eyes, or paused for more than three seconds between steps















- Control
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- ▲ Exercise+T

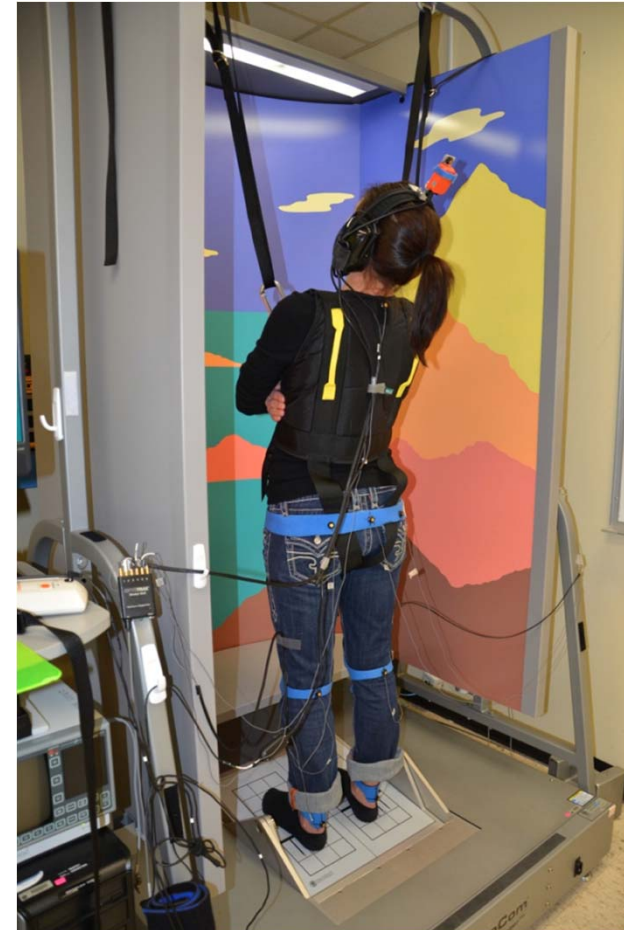
Tandem Walk Test: Torso Roll Velocity RMS



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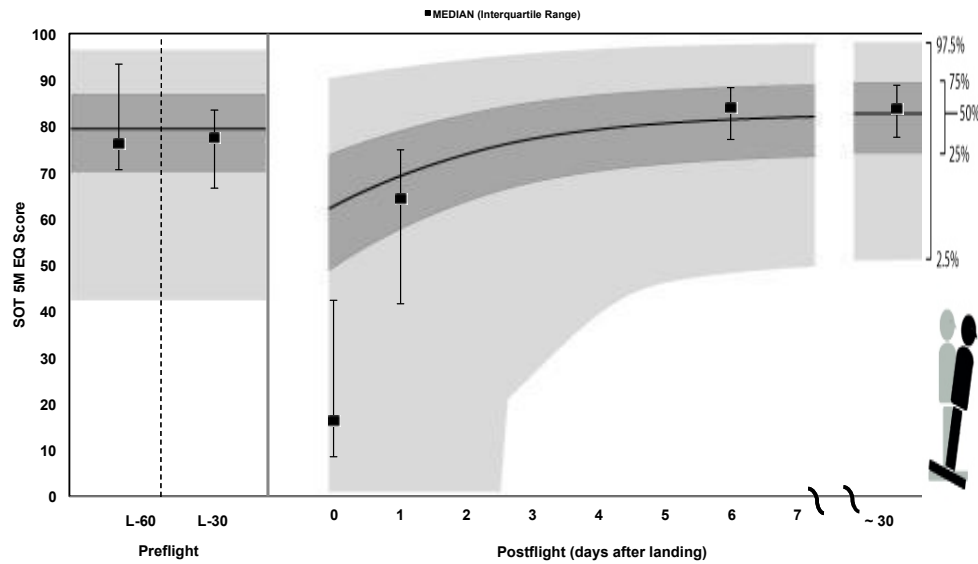
Postural Control Test

EquiTest™ Conditions		Sensory Analysis
1.	Normal Vision	
	Fixed Support	
2.	Absent Vision	
	Fixed Support	
3.	Sway-Referenced Vision	
	Fixed Support	
4.	Normal Vision	
	Sway-Referenced Support	
5.	Absent Vision	
	Sway-Referenced Support	
6.	Sway-Referenced Vision	
	Sway-Referenced Support	



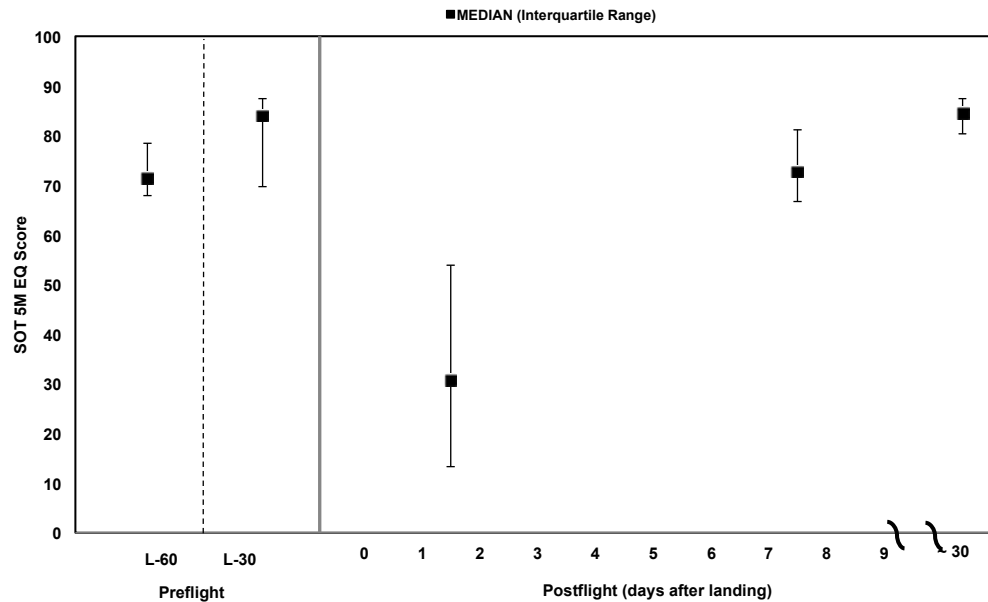
$$cEQ = (12.5 - \text{Peak to Peak Sway}) / 12.5 * \% \text{ trial completed}$$

SHORT Duration: Computerized Dynamic Posturography
Recovery curve for SOT 5 Head Erect Shown for Comparison

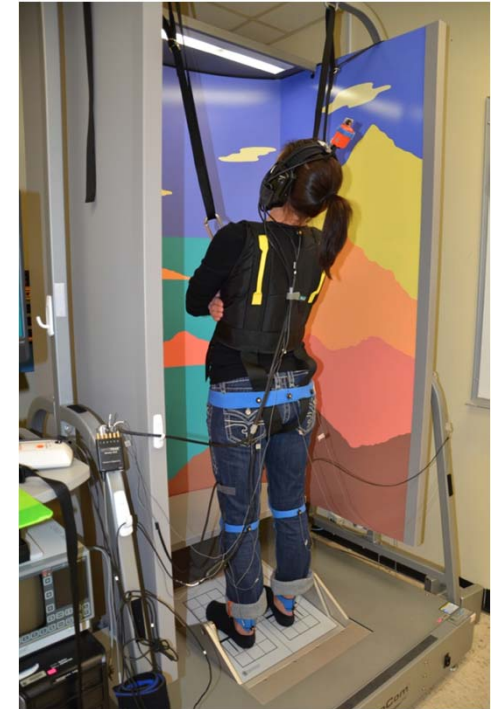


Shuttle

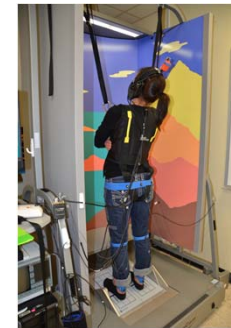
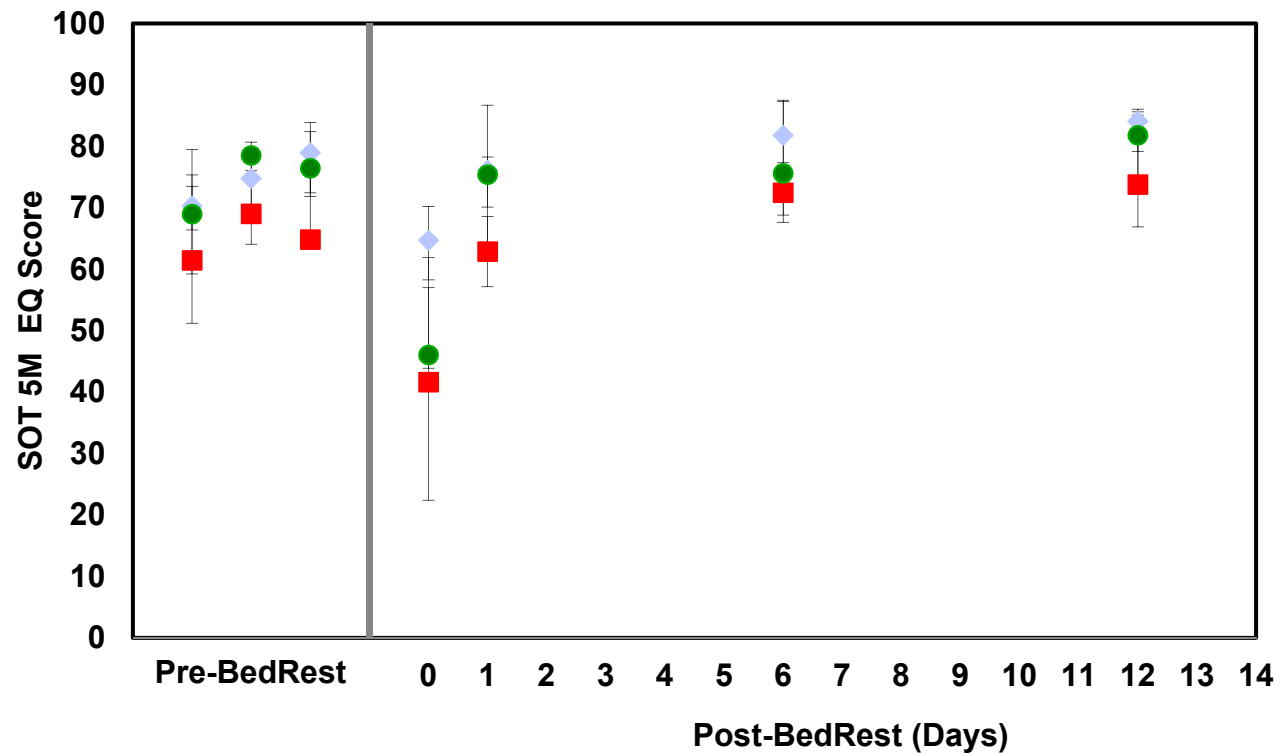
LONG Duration: Computerized Dynamic Posturography
Eyes Closed on Unstable Support with Head Moving ($\pm 20^\circ$ @ 0.33Hz)



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Postural Equilibrium Control: Bed Rest



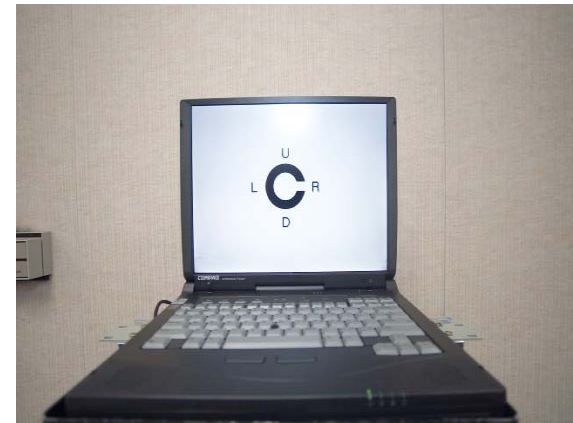
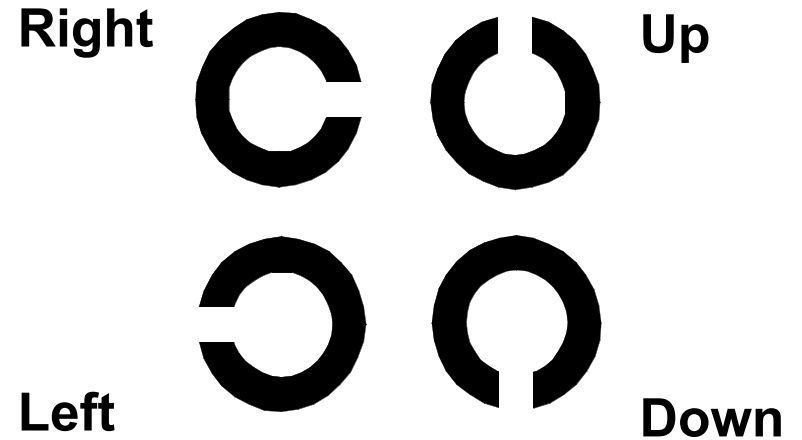
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Locomotion/Dynamic Visual Acuity Test

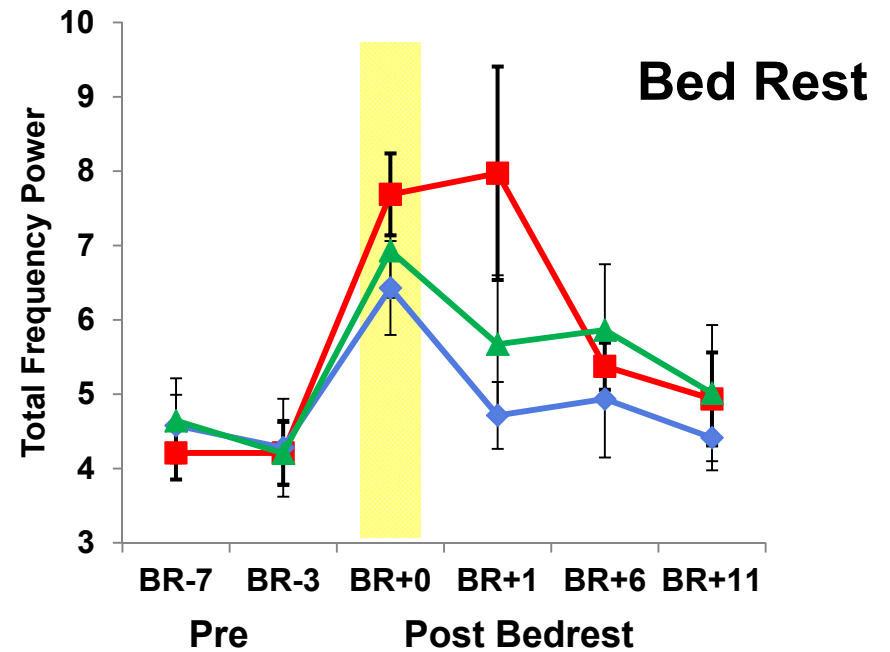
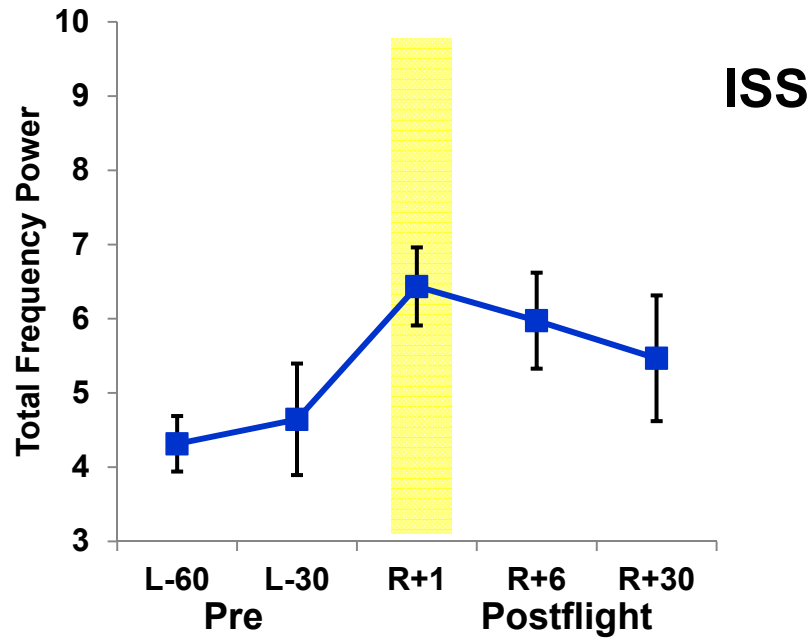
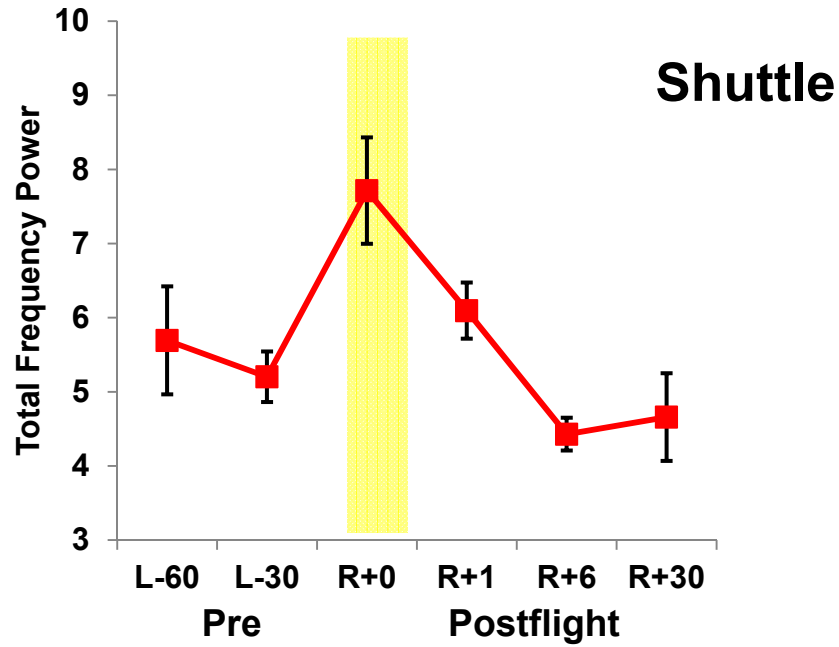


Subject walked at 6.4 km/h for 90 s on a treadmill while performing a dynamic visual acuity (DVA) test consisting of identifying gaps in the letter C presented on a computer screen.

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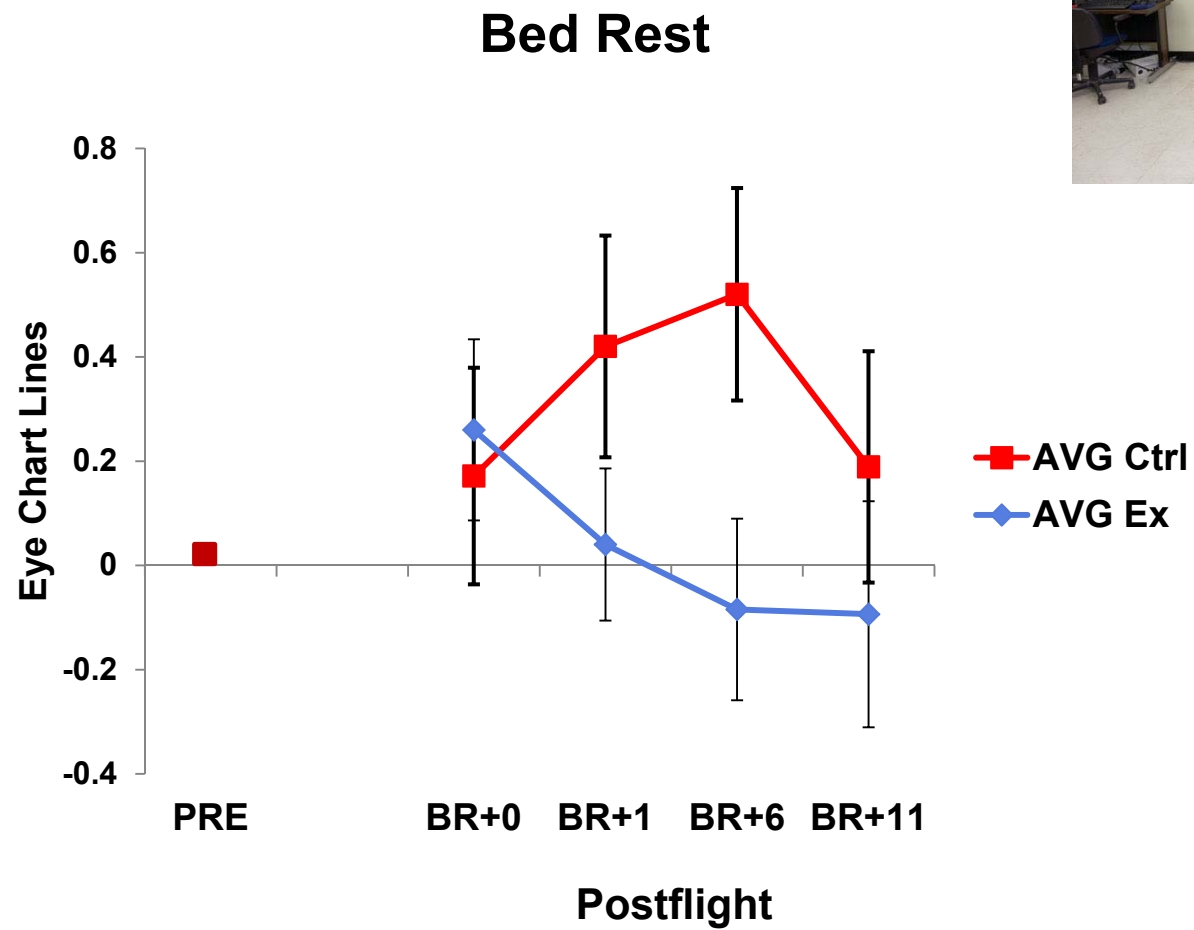


Locomotion: Torso Pitch Stability

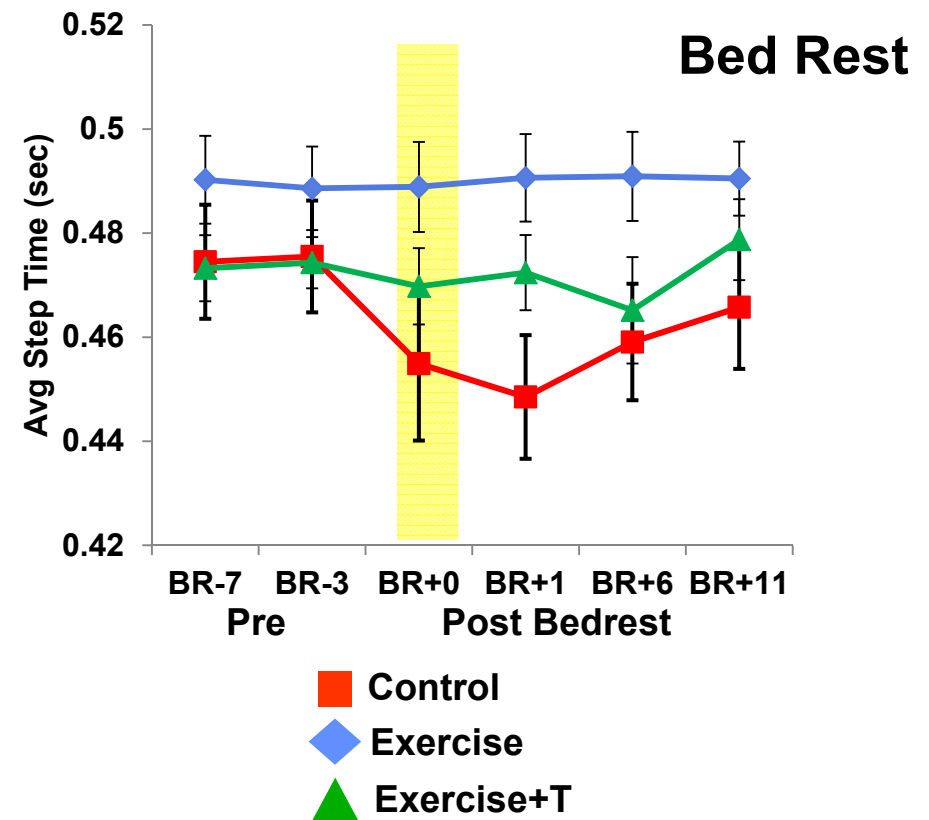
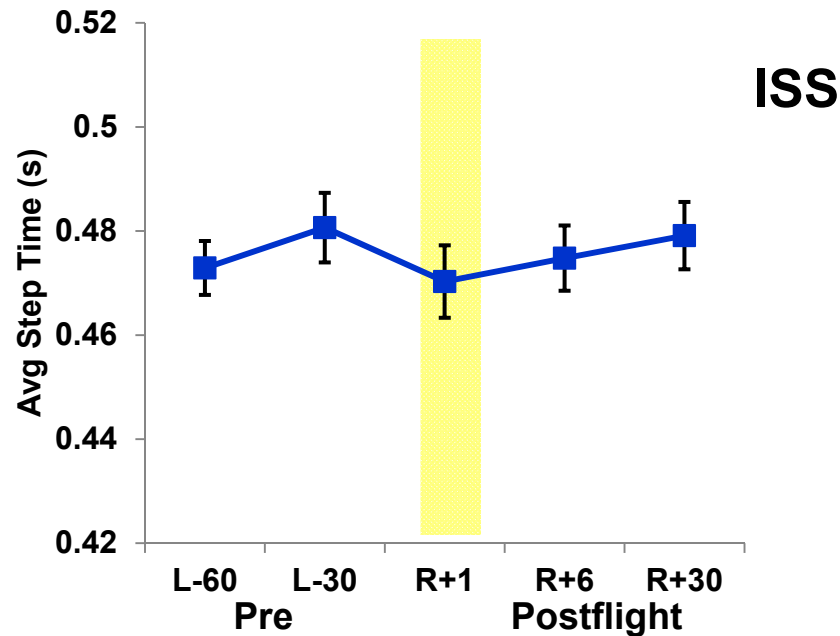
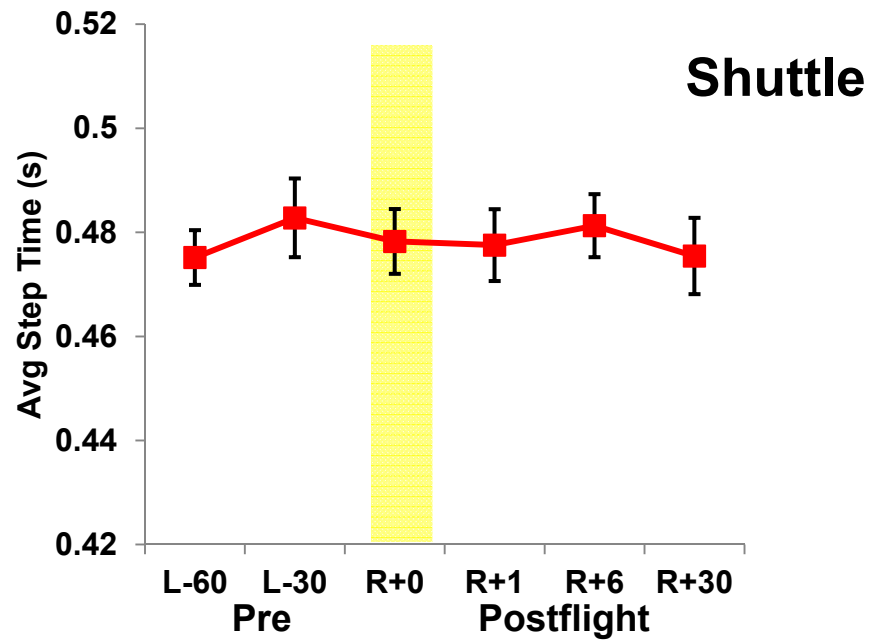


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Locomotion: Dynamic Visual Acuity Test



Locomotion: Gait Cycle Timing/Step Time

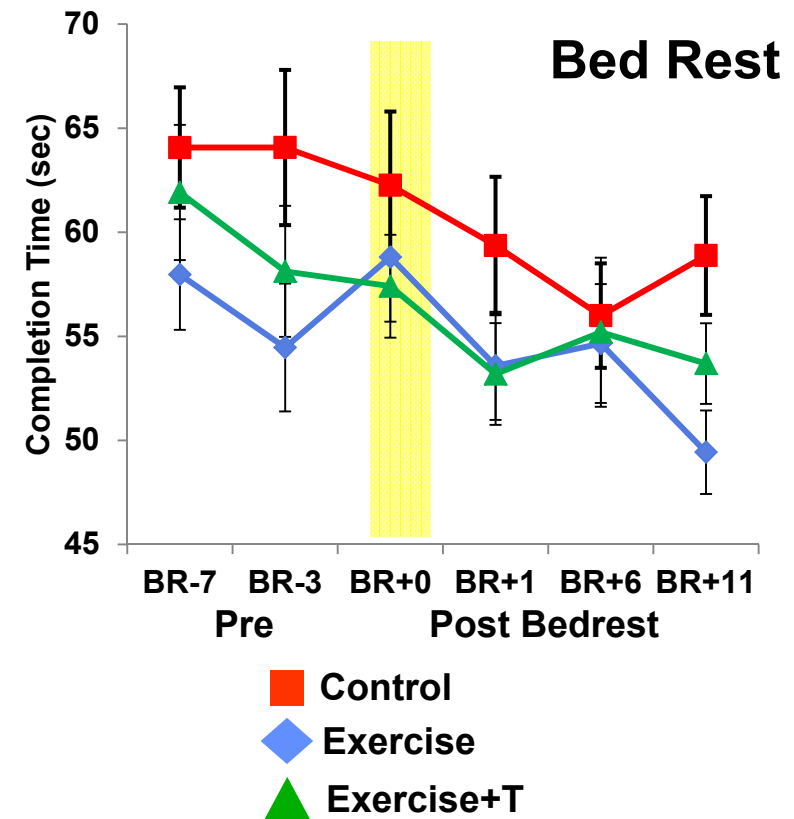
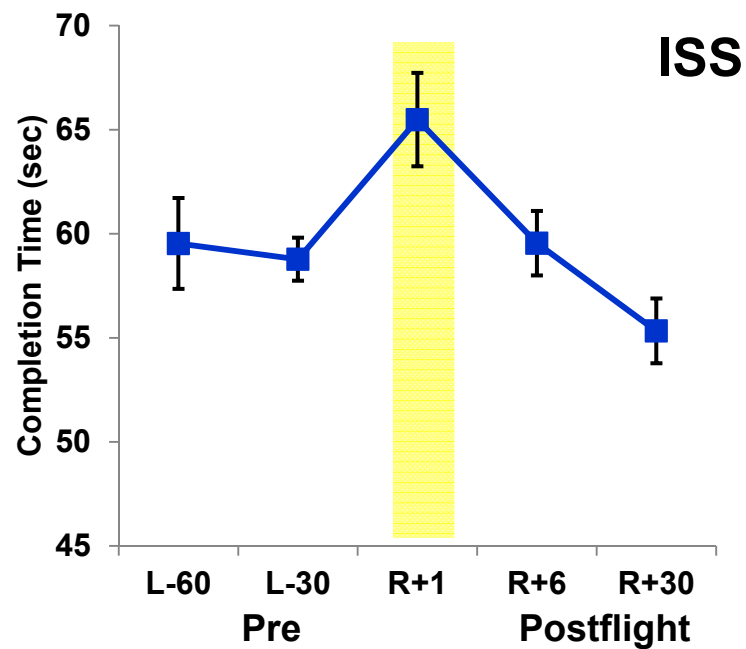
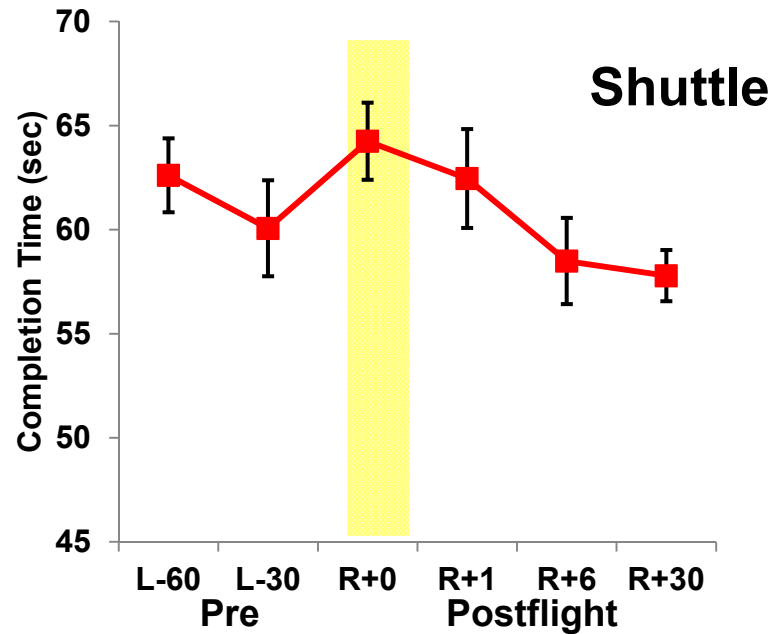


Fine Motor Control Test



The Grooved Pegboard Test was used to assess fine motor control. Subjects were required to rotate pegs with a key along one side to match the insertion hole.

Fine Motor Control Test



Summary: Sensorimotor Tests

- Tests of balance and dynamic gait control show greatest deficits for both space flight and bed rest.
- Bed rest control subjects show alterations in gait cycle timing and dynamic visual acuity.
- Fine motor control not reduced after Shuttle and bed rest; trend for reduction after ISS.
- Bed rest data indicate that body support unloading is a contributing factor in postflight functional performance decrement.
- Points to the importance of providing axial body loading as a central component of an integrated training system.

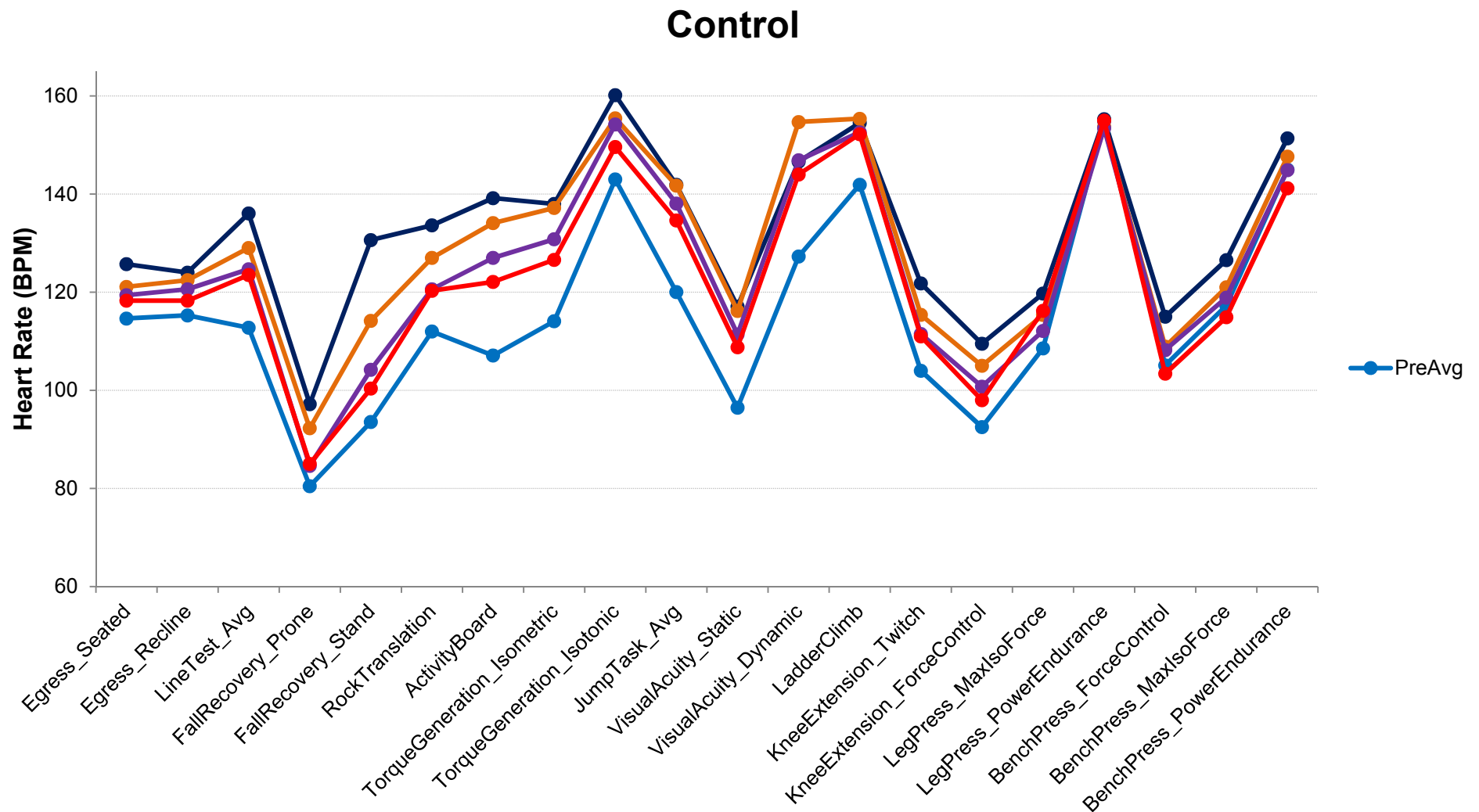
Functional Task Test: Cardiovascular

Goals

- Identify CV responses during multiple functional tasks.
- Determine if exercise prevents the negative CV adaptations during bed rest and maintains functional task performances.
- Use the 'Recovery from Fall, Stand Test' as a controlled orthostatic challenge to identify changes in the CV system that may contribute to functional task impairment.

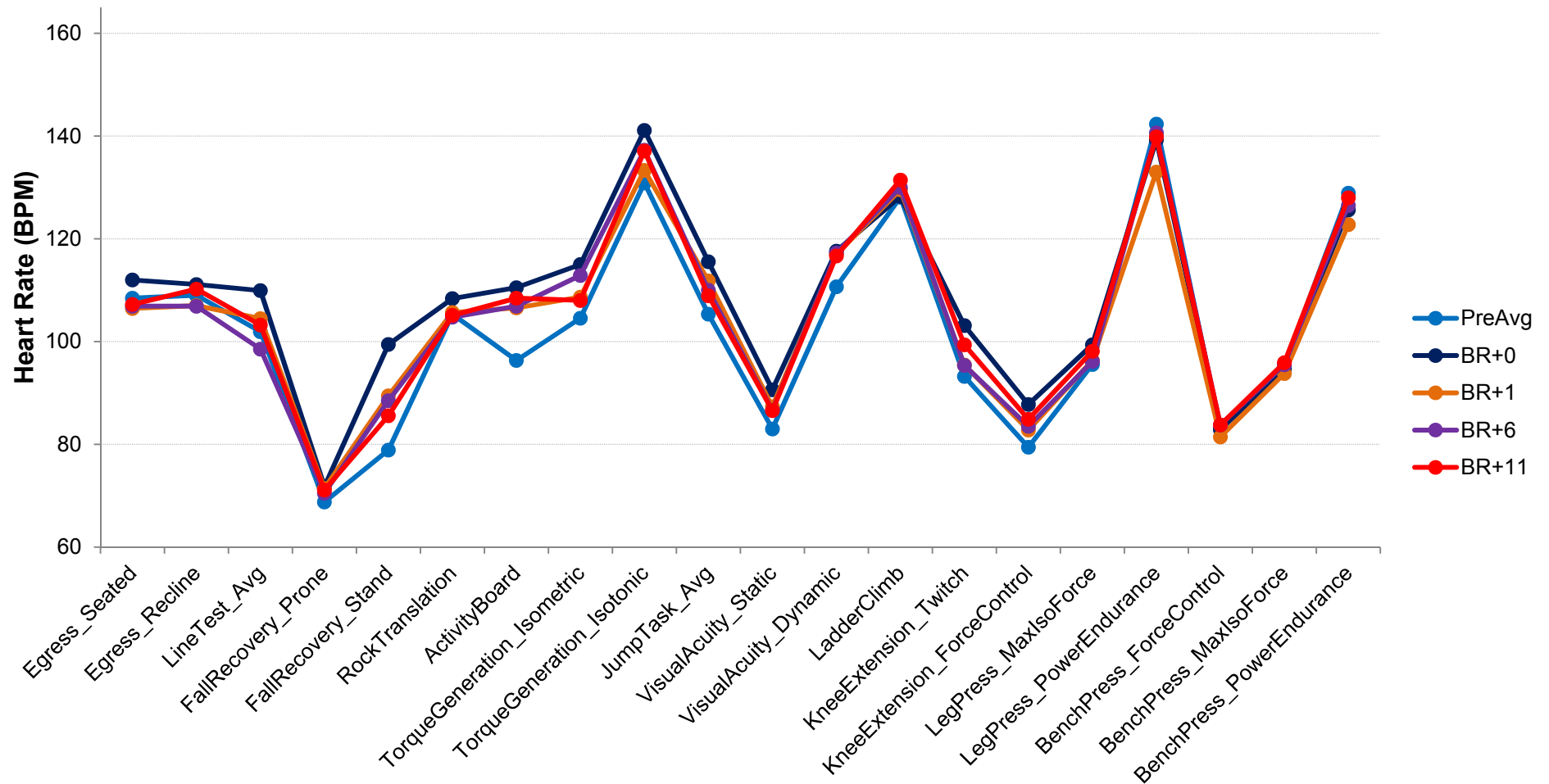
Measurements

- Heart rate, plasma volume, blood pressure



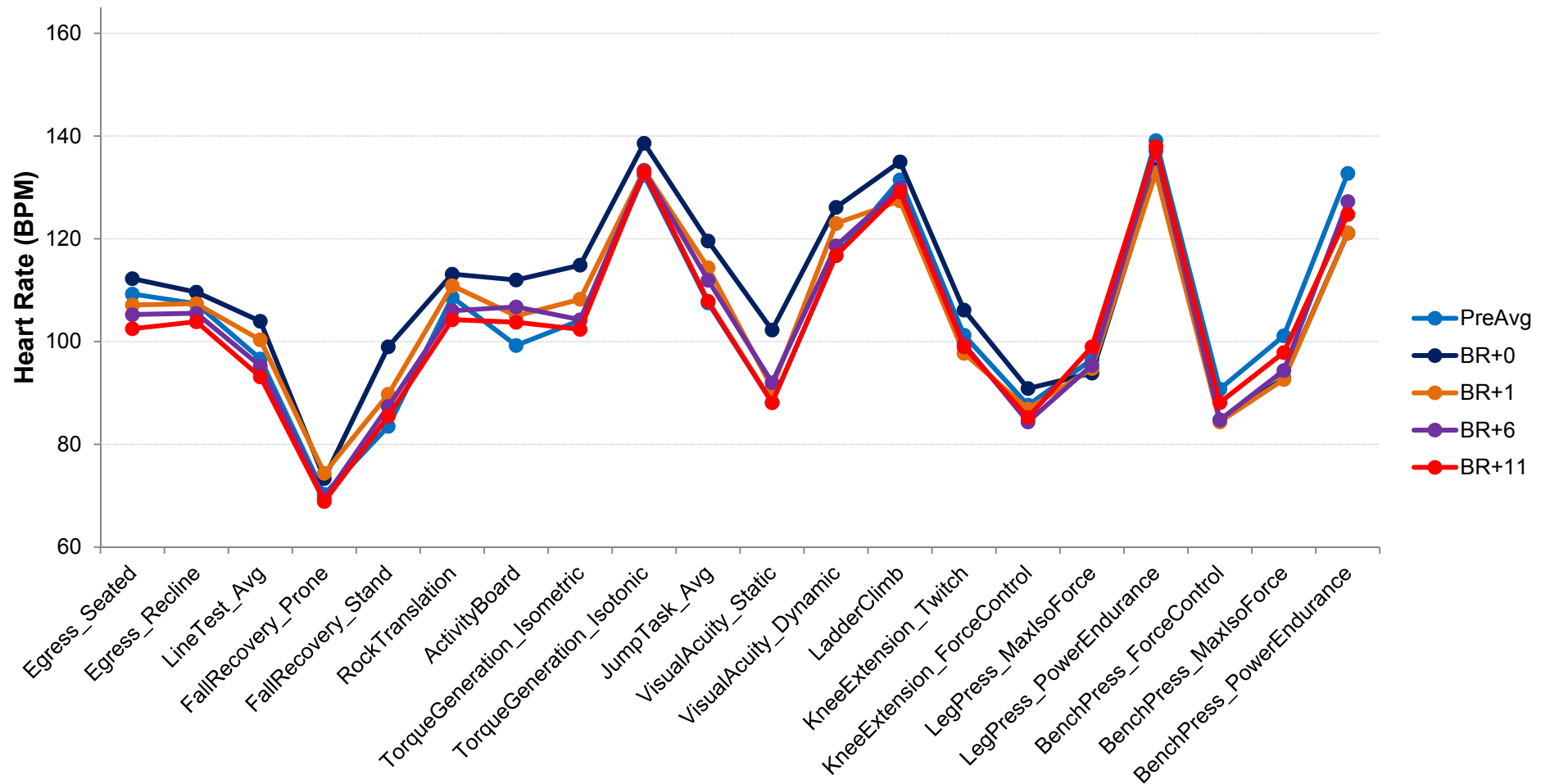
- Following bedrest HR is elevated during multiple Functional Tasks.
- Returns towards Pre-BR values over 11 days.

Exercise

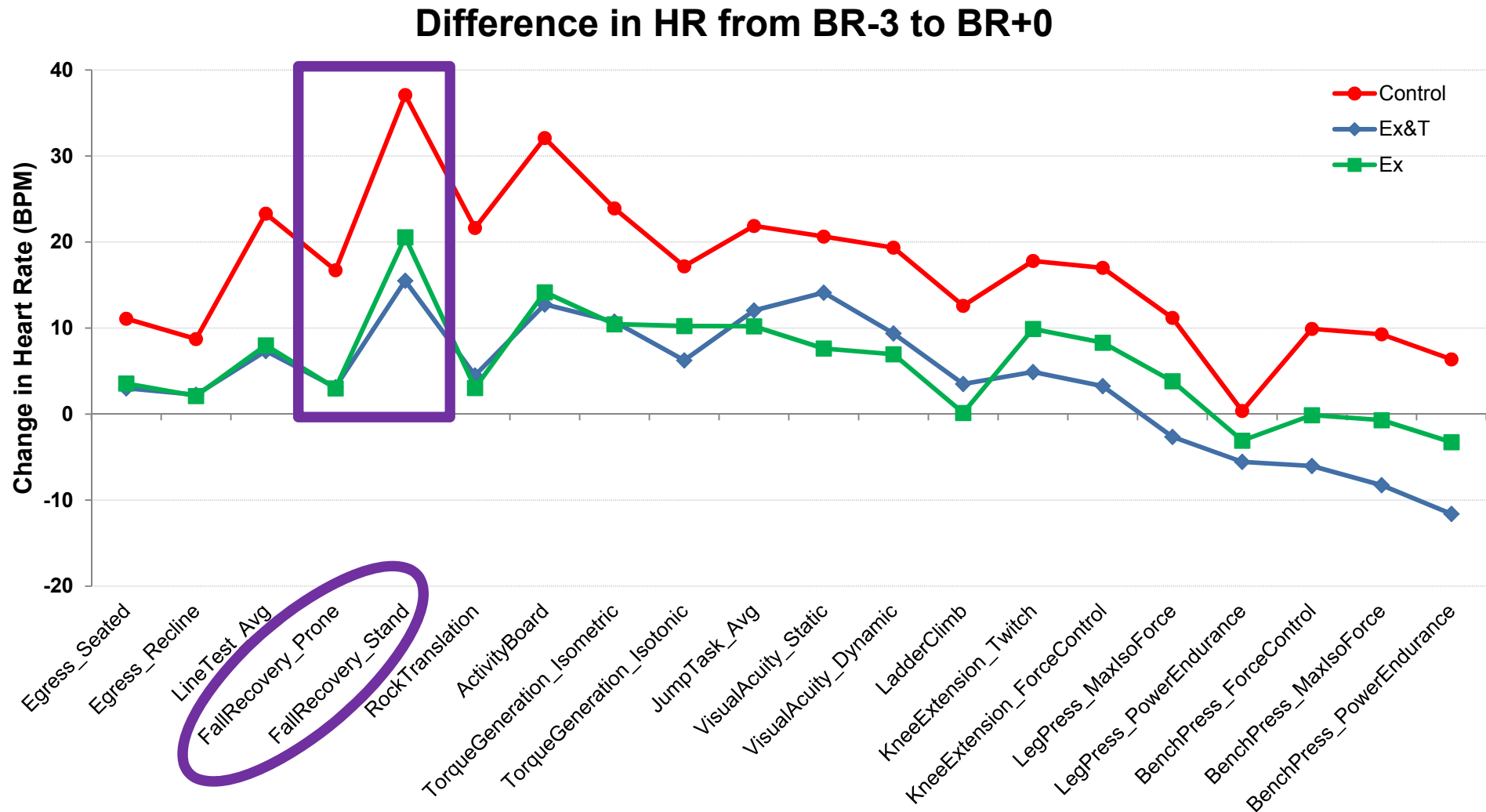


- Exercise reduces the elevated HR following bedrest.
- Smaller difference in HR between pre- and post-BR

Exercise & Testosterone



- Testosterone does not provide an additional benefit beyond Exercise alone in minimizing the change in HR between pre- and post-bedrest.



- Are certain functional tasks “riskier” due to greater CV stress?

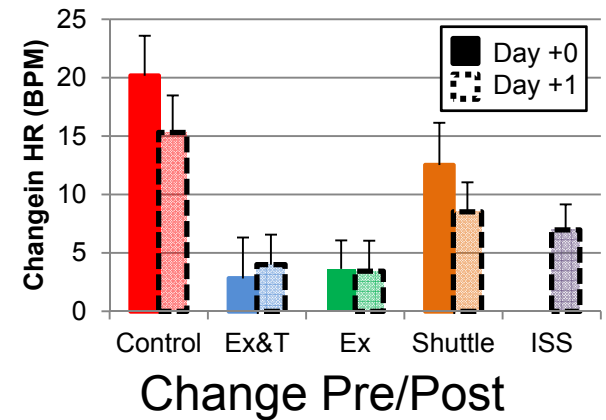
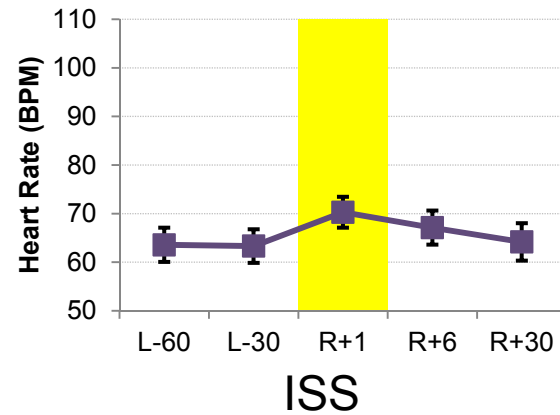
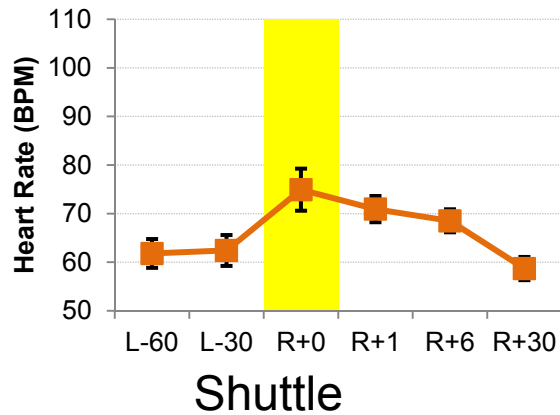
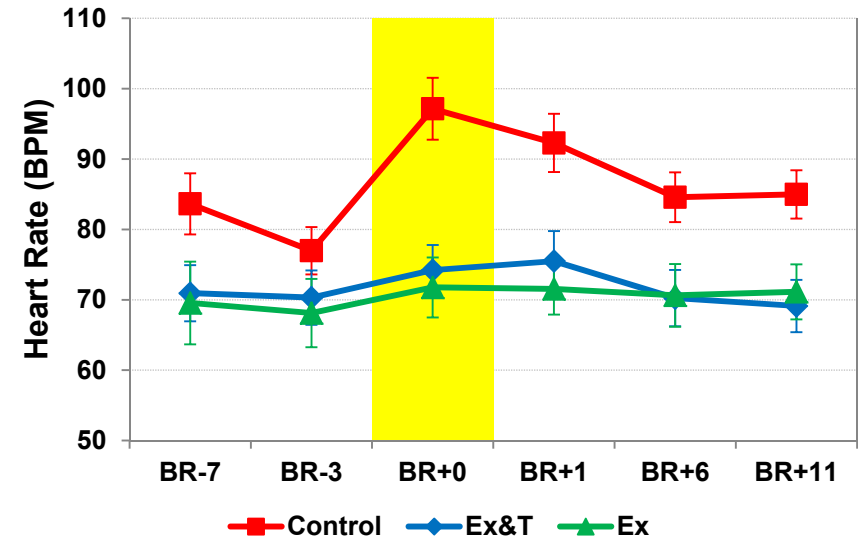
Functional Task: Recovery From Fall



Prone: 2 min → Stand: 3 min

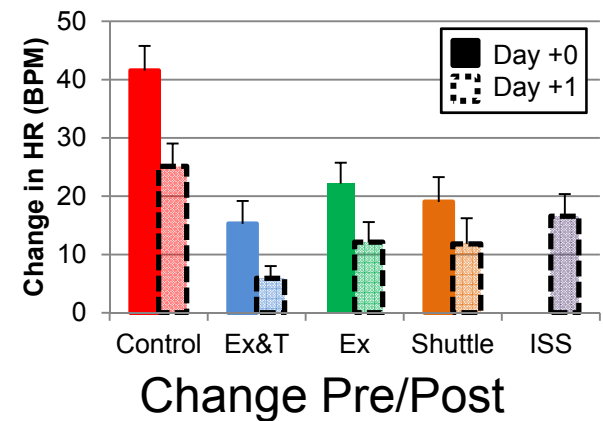
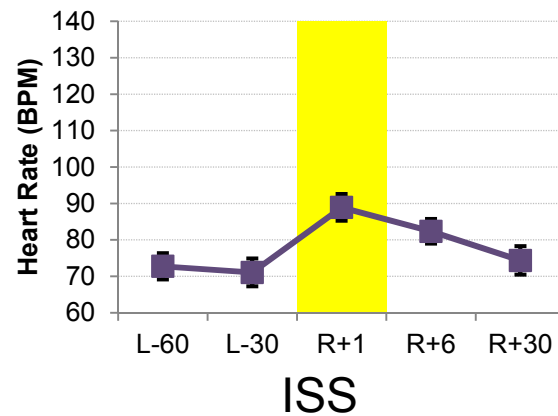
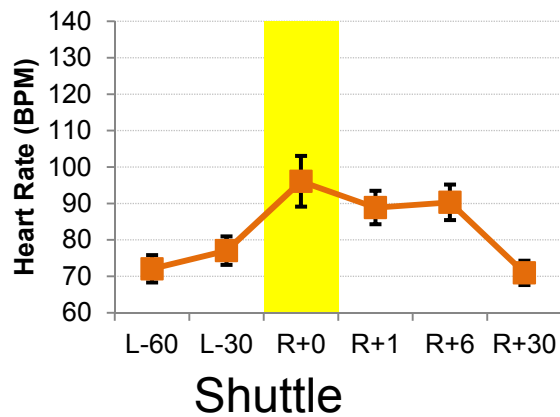
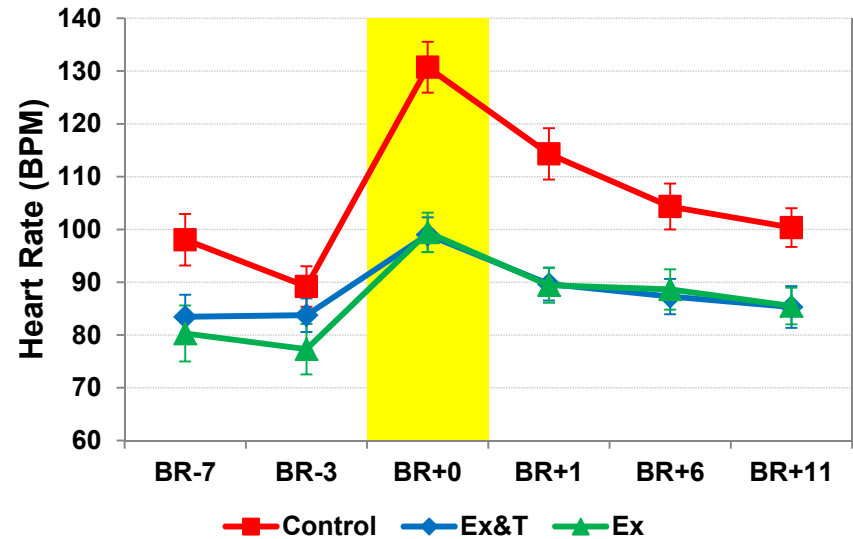
- Controlled maneuver
- Provides orthostatic stressor to CV system
- 3 min to minimize probability of syncope
- Continuously monitor BP and HR
- Incorporate balance/sway measures
- All subjects completed the task.
- No signs of pre-syncope.

Prone Heart Rate



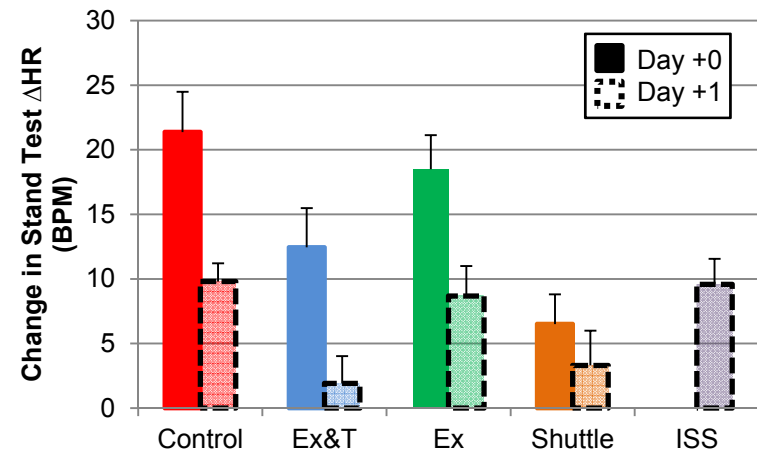
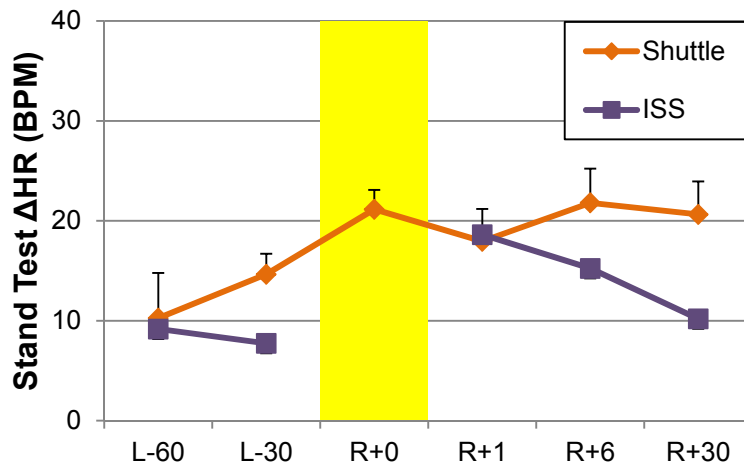
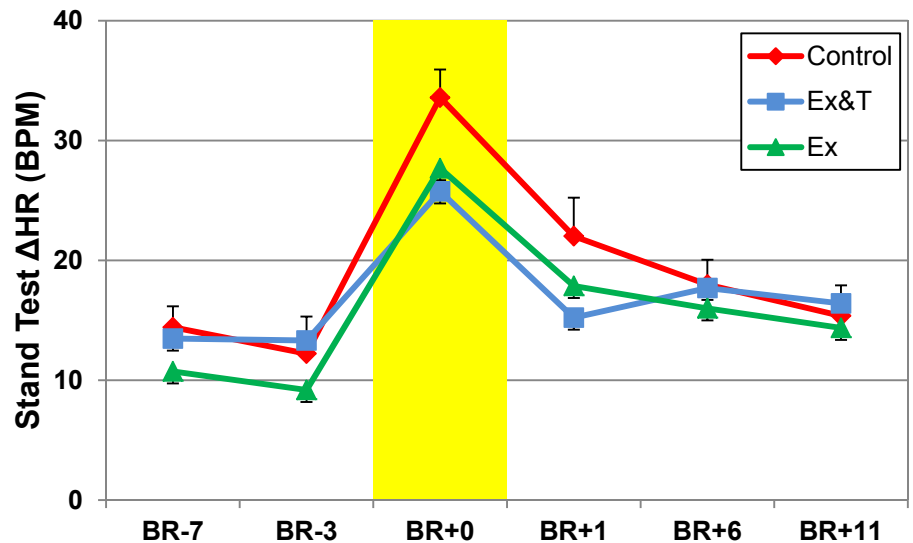
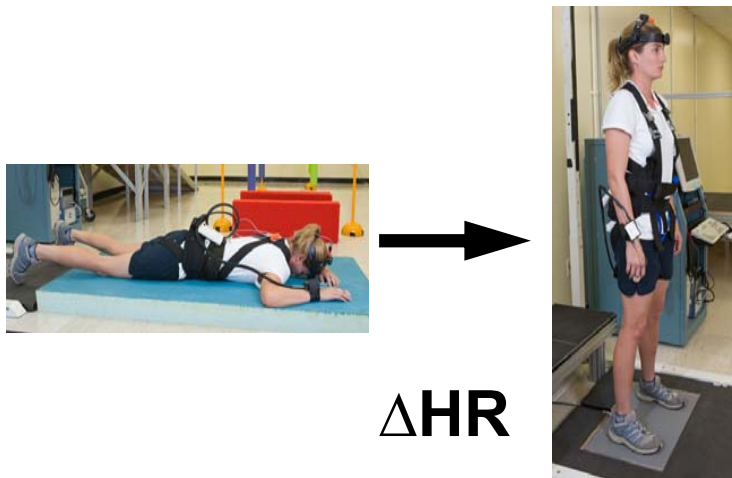
1. Exercise protects prone HR from rising.
2. Appears to be no difference between Ex and Ex&T groups.

Standing Heart Rate



1. Exercise attenuates the increase in standing HR.
2. No difference between Ex and Ex&T groups.
3. Recovered by BR+11?

Stand Test Heart Rate Response



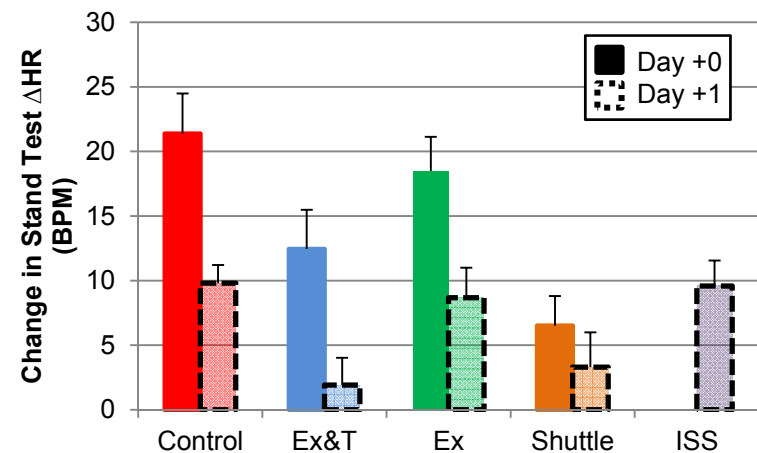
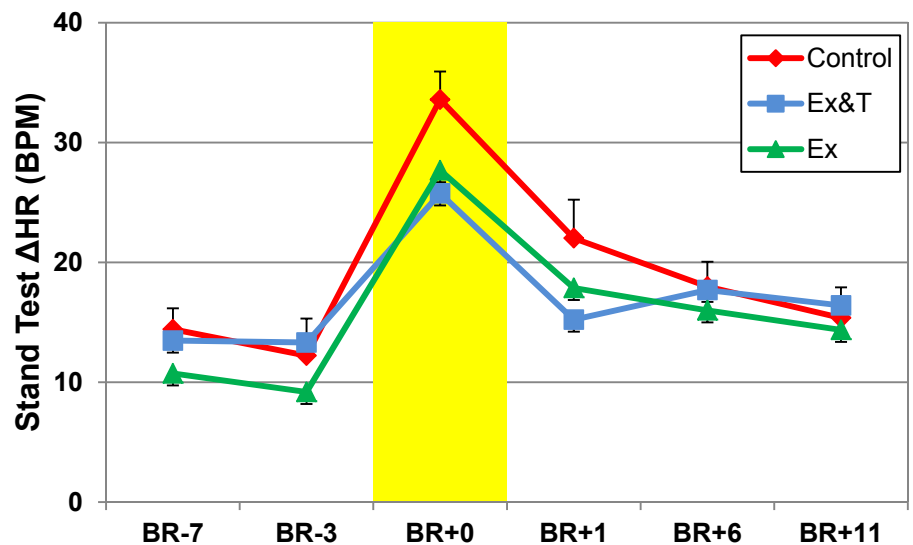
1. Standing HR response is increased on BR+0.
2. The increase is reduced on BR+1, but may remain elevated on BR+11.
3. Is there a difference between Ex&T and Ex on BR+0?

Potential Factors Contributing to an Elevated HR Response

1. Cardiac dysfunction
2. ↓ PV
3. Altered autonomic function

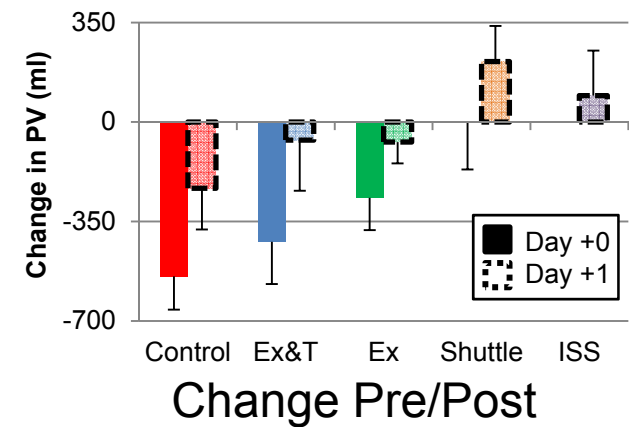
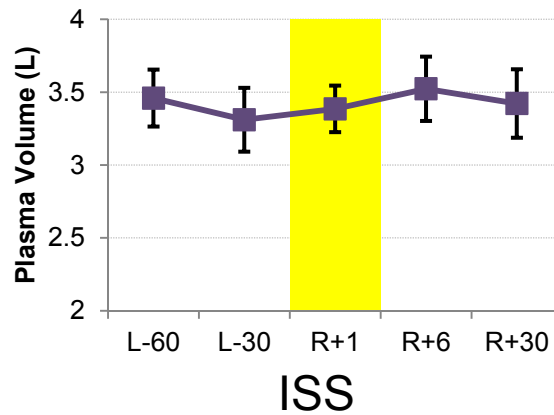
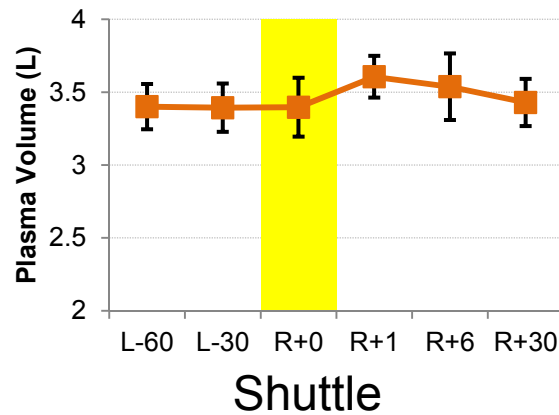
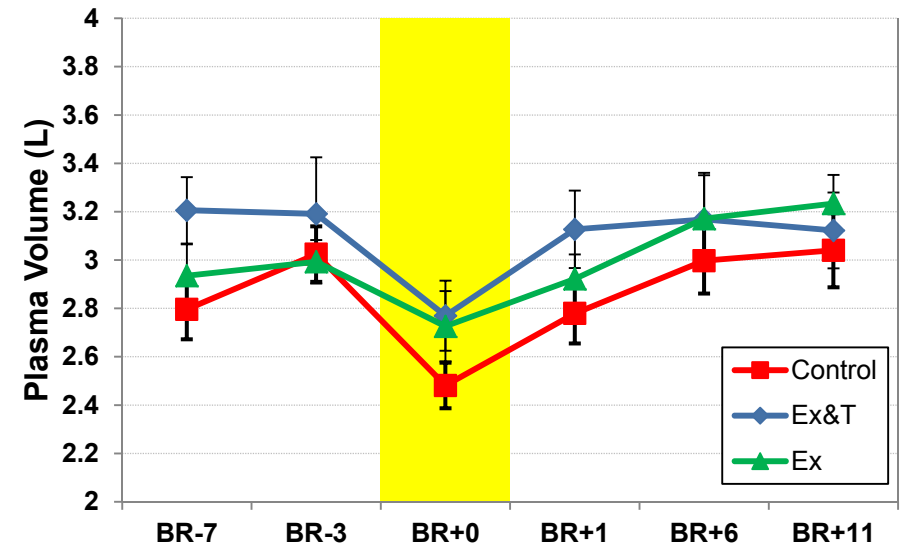
- Previous bed rest studies suggest a reduced LV mass and diastolic dysfunction, leading to reduced SV.
- Exercise training during 2-8 weeks of bed rest prevents these changes, preserves cardiac function.

Shibata, et al. J Appl Physiol. 108:1177-1186, 2010.



1. Does the difference from BR+0 to BR+1 indicative of remaining cardiac dysfunction?
2. Does Testosterone provide protection against cardiac dysfunction?

Plasma Volume



1. PV decreases following bed rest in all groups.
2. Recovers by BR+1.

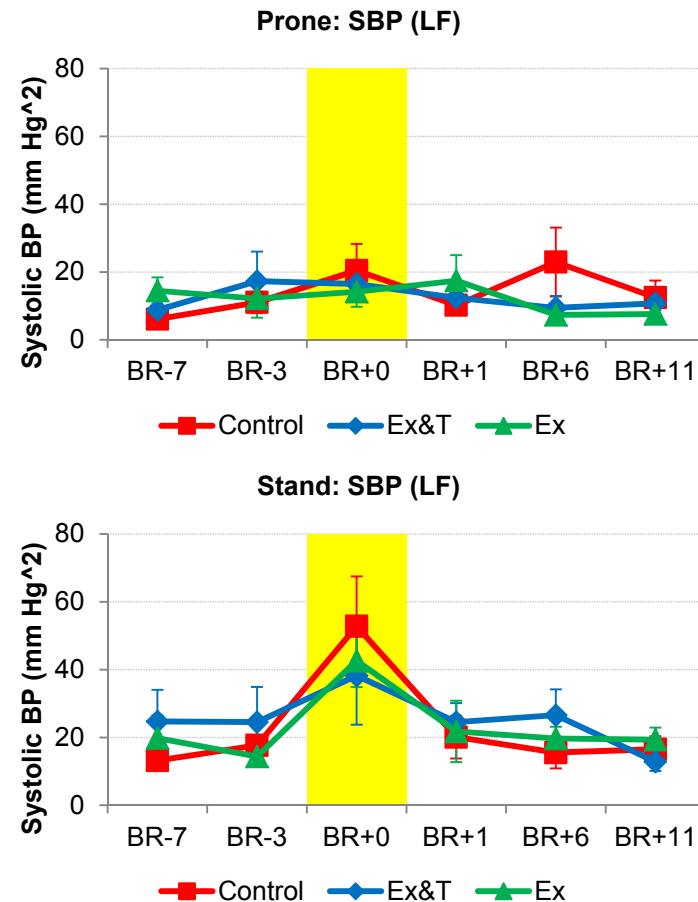
Autonomic Function

- During and/or post spaceflight sympathetic outflow is increased and exaggerated.
- Following 10 d of HDT, blood volume is reduced and greater reductions in arterial pressure during CV stress are compensated for by \uparrow HR (via increased SNS activity) to maintain BP.

Ertl, et al. J Physiol. 538:321-329, 2002.

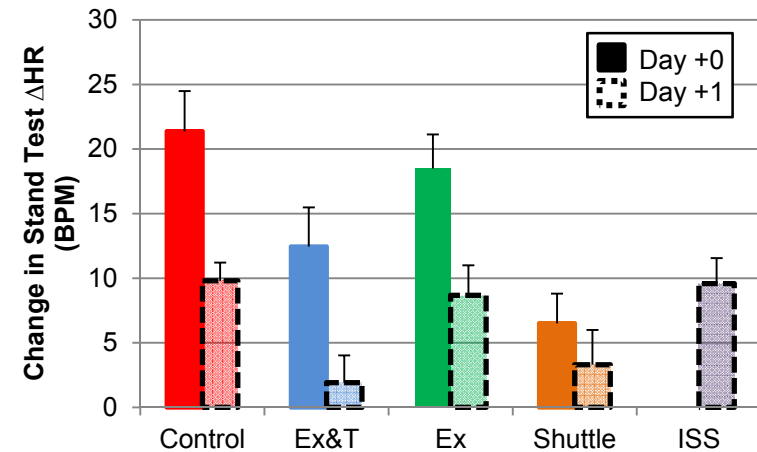
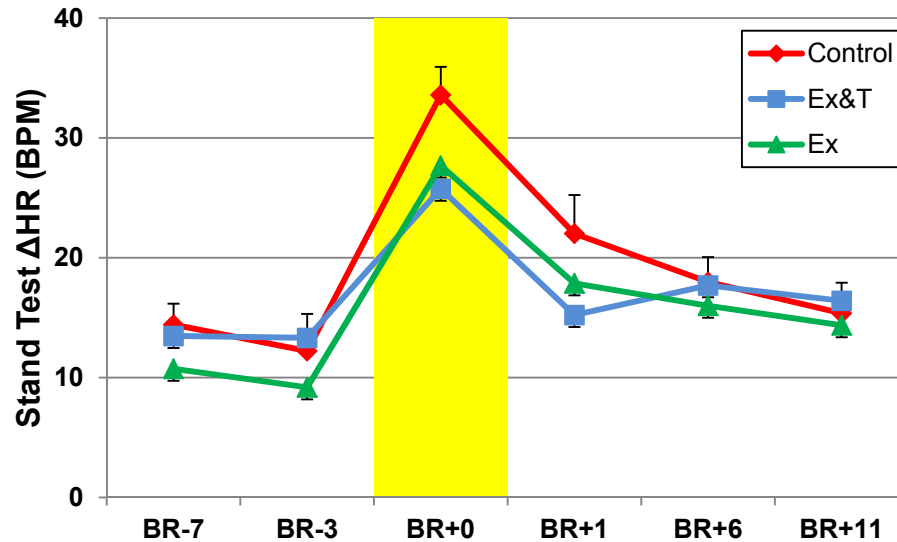
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Sympathetic modulation:



1. Sympathetic modulation is augmented following bed rest.
2. Recovers by BR+1, suggesting an appropriate response to a fall in SV on BR+0.

Functional Task Impairment: CV Adaptations Following Bed Rest



1. Following bed rest, prone HR is elevated in Control, but not Exercise subjects.
2. To accomplish the Functional Task of moving from Prone to Standing:
 - Greater \uparrow HR on BR+0
 - Exercise may provide some protection?
 - Does Exercise + Testosterone provide more protection?
 - HR remains 3-5 bts/min greater on BR+11
3. PV is decreased on BR+0 and almost completely recovers by BR+1.
4. Syncope did not occur during 3 min of quiet standing.

Lower Limb Muscle Performance

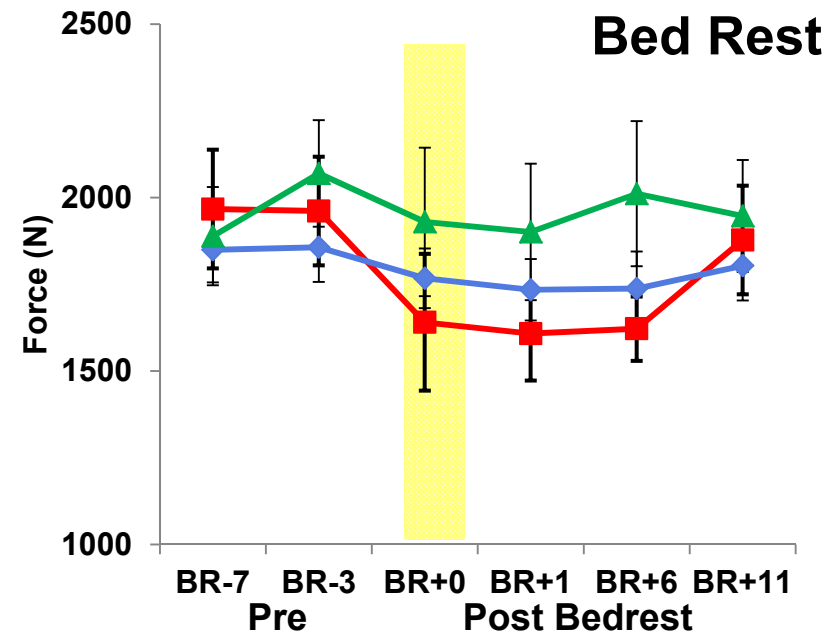
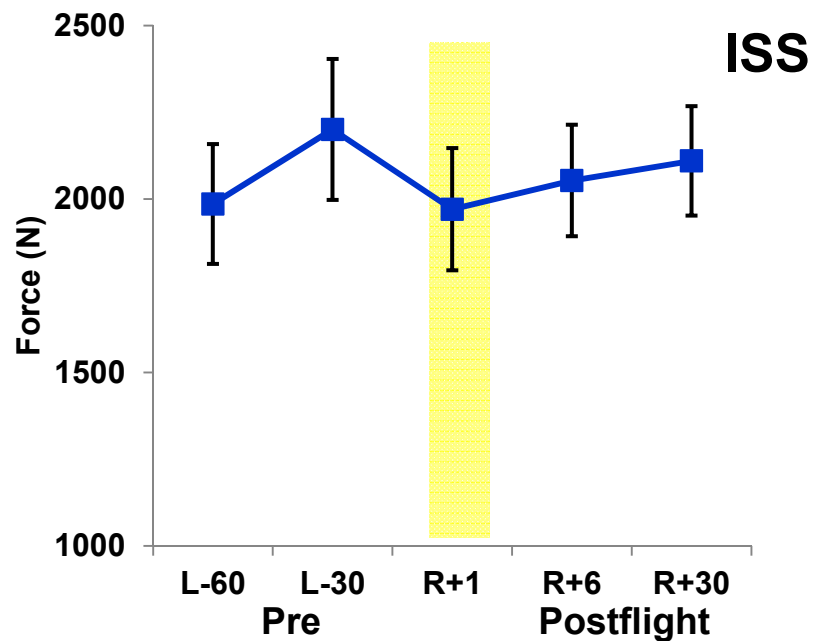
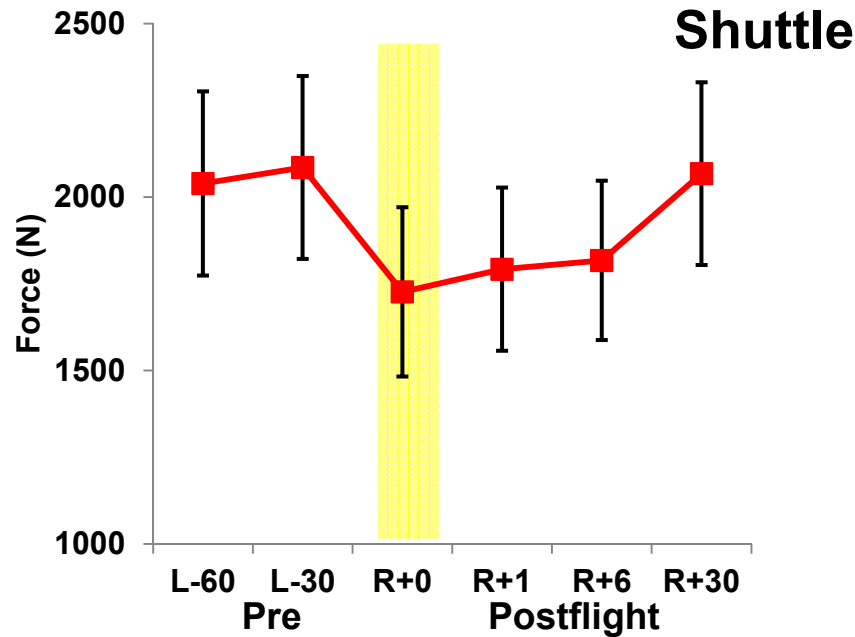
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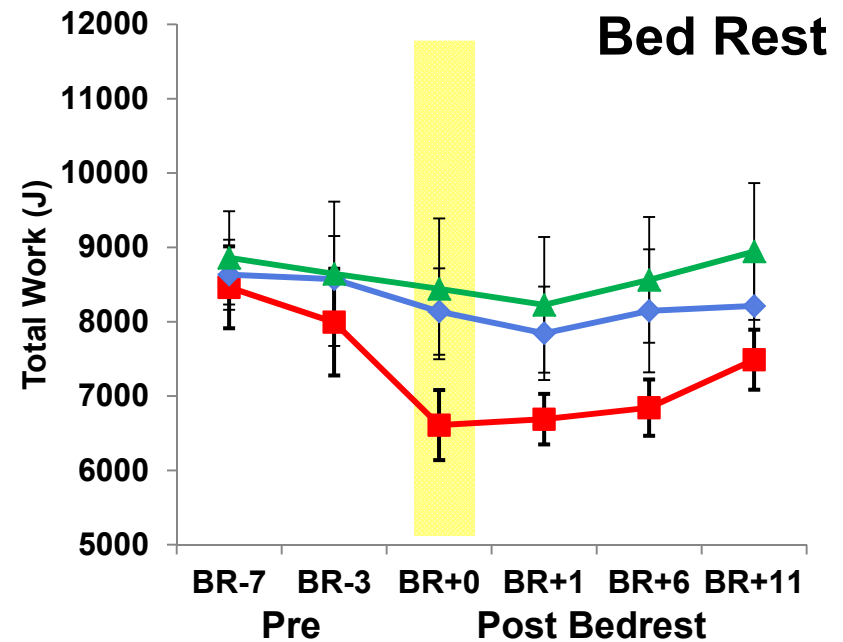
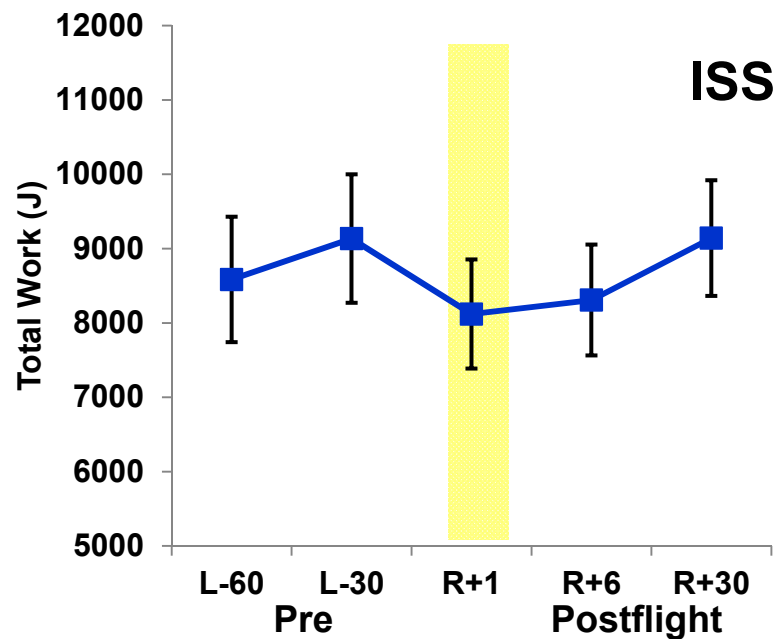
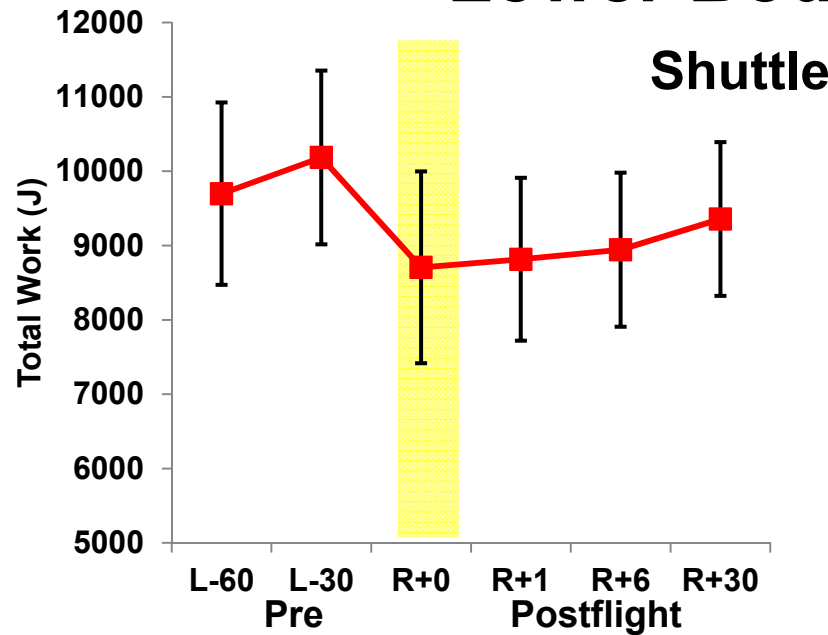


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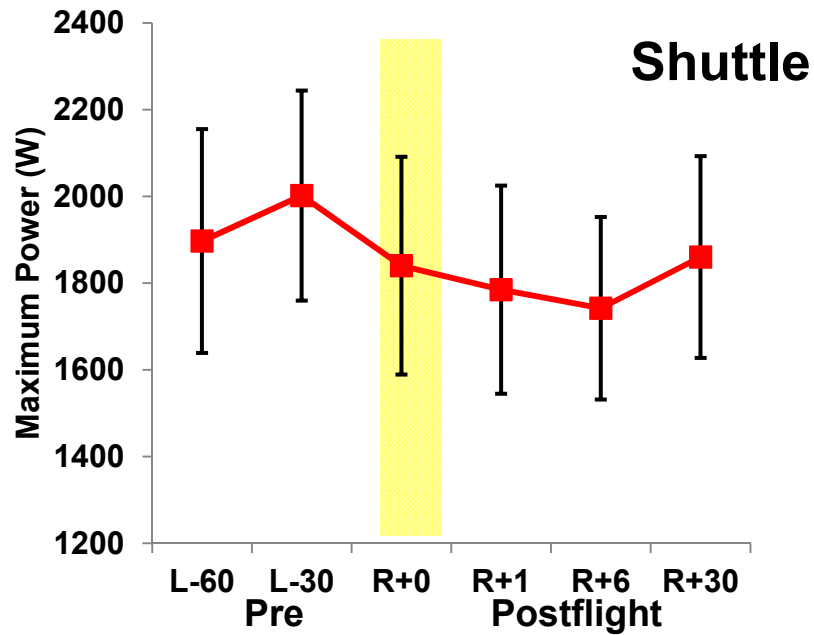
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Lower Body Total Work

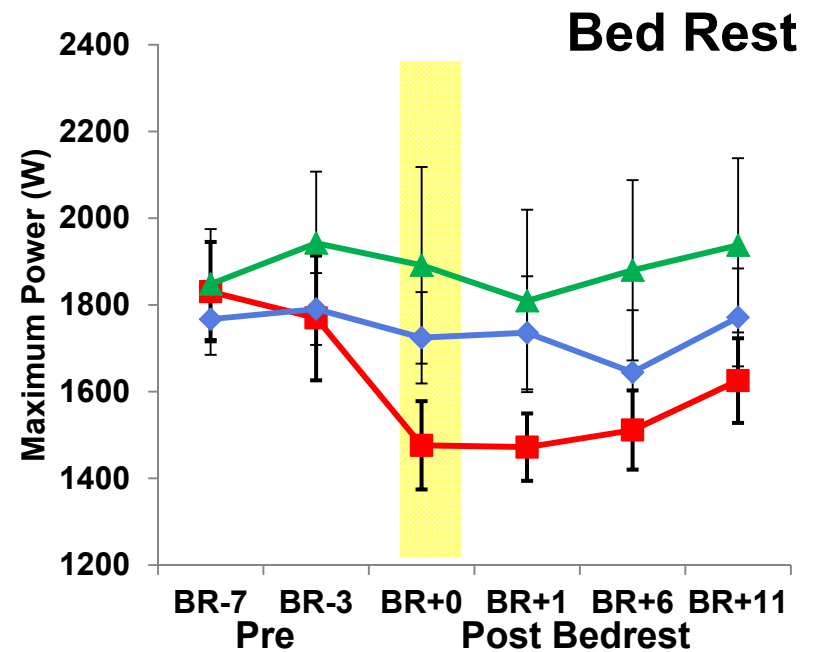
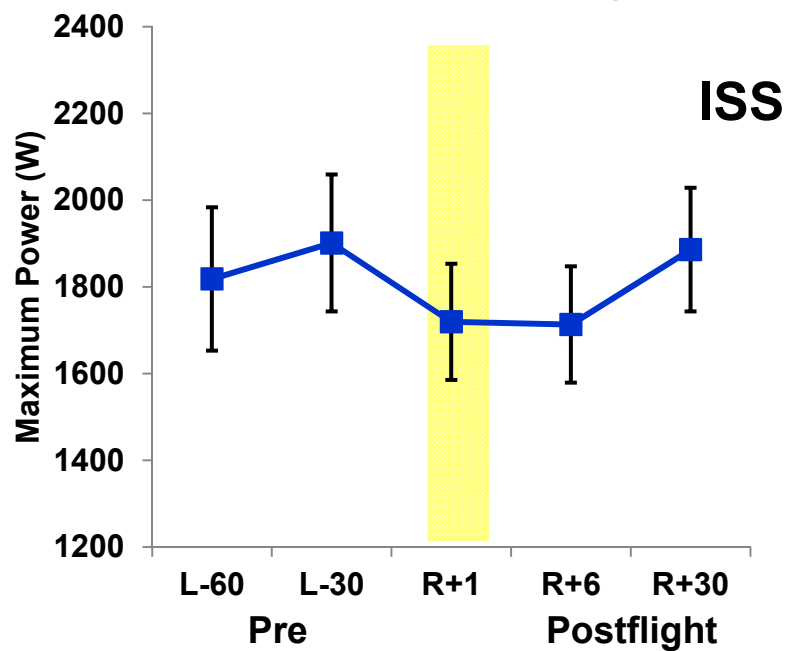


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Lower Body Max. Power



Ex & T Dominated by one subject



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Upper Limb Muscle Performance

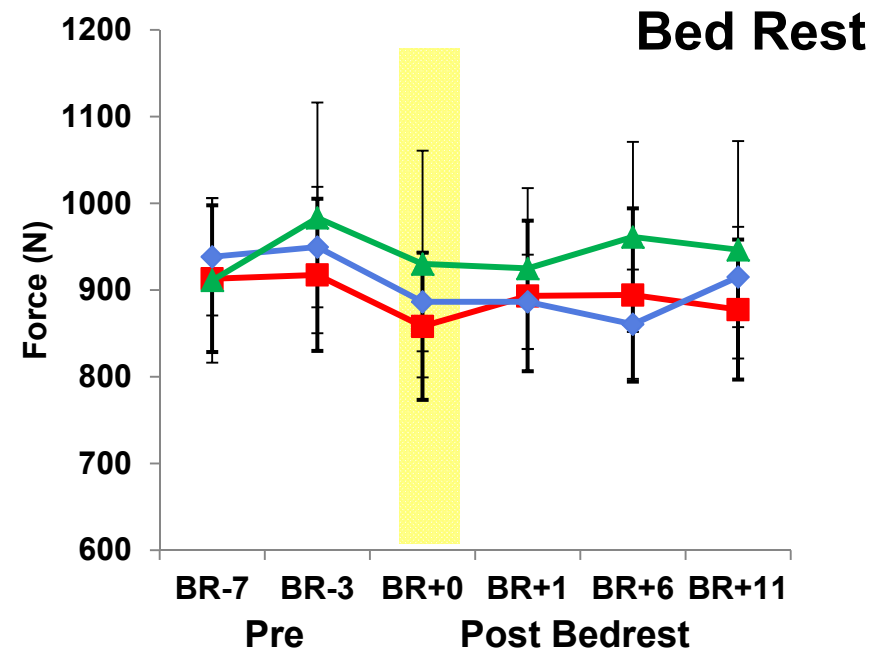
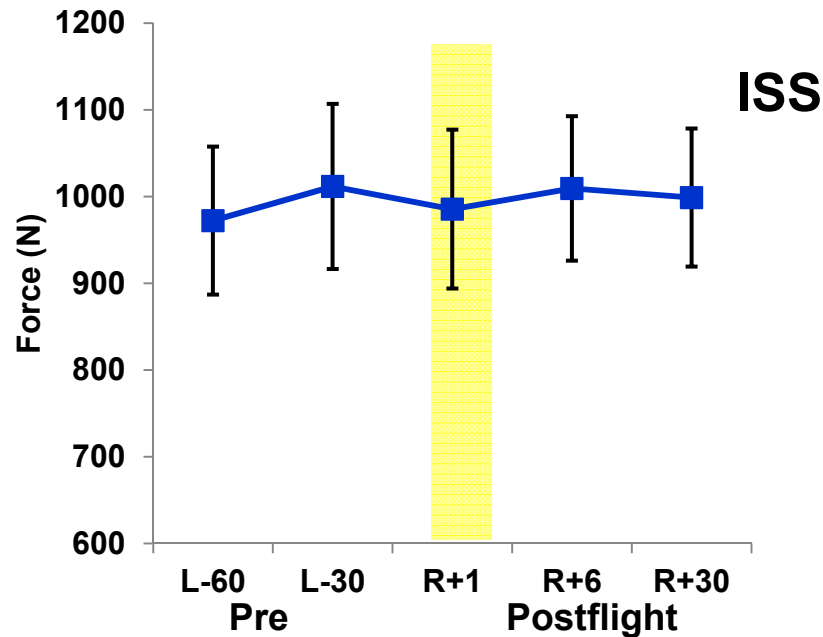
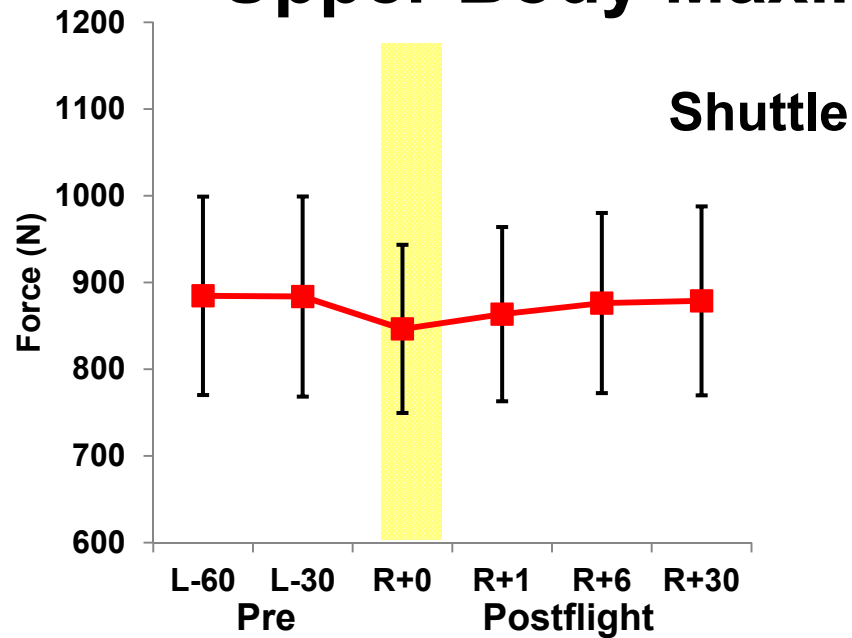
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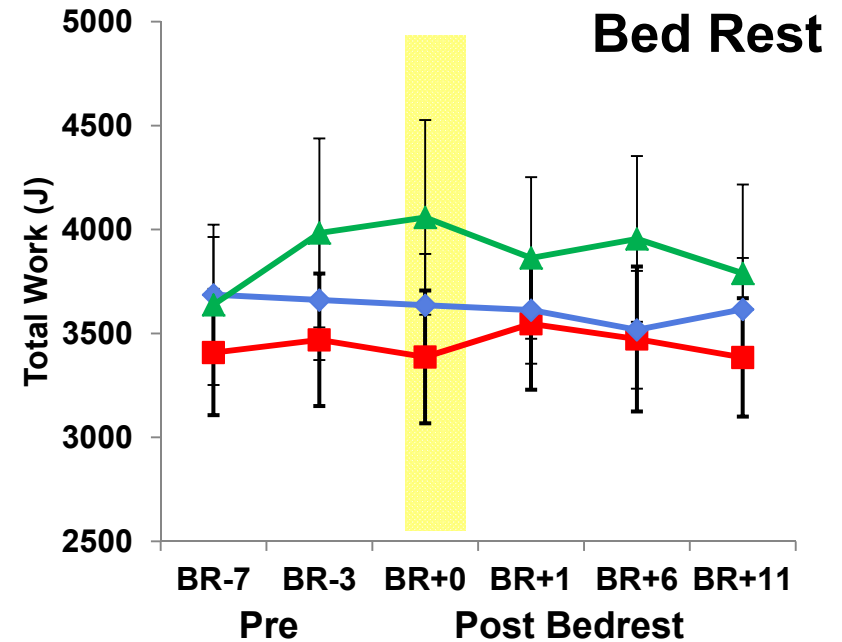
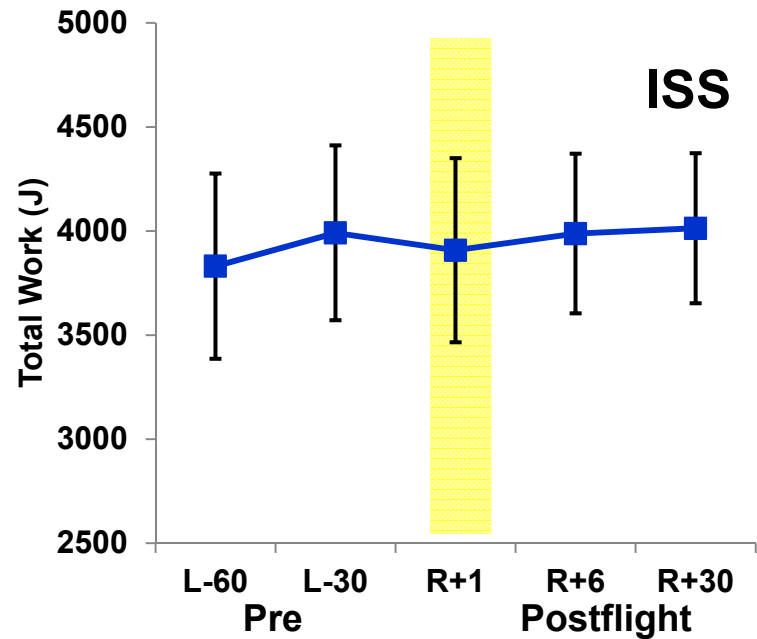
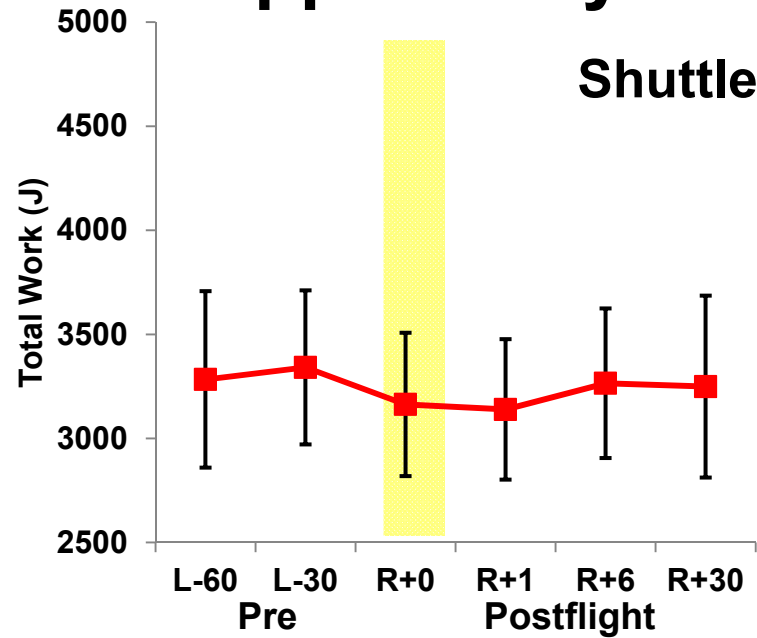


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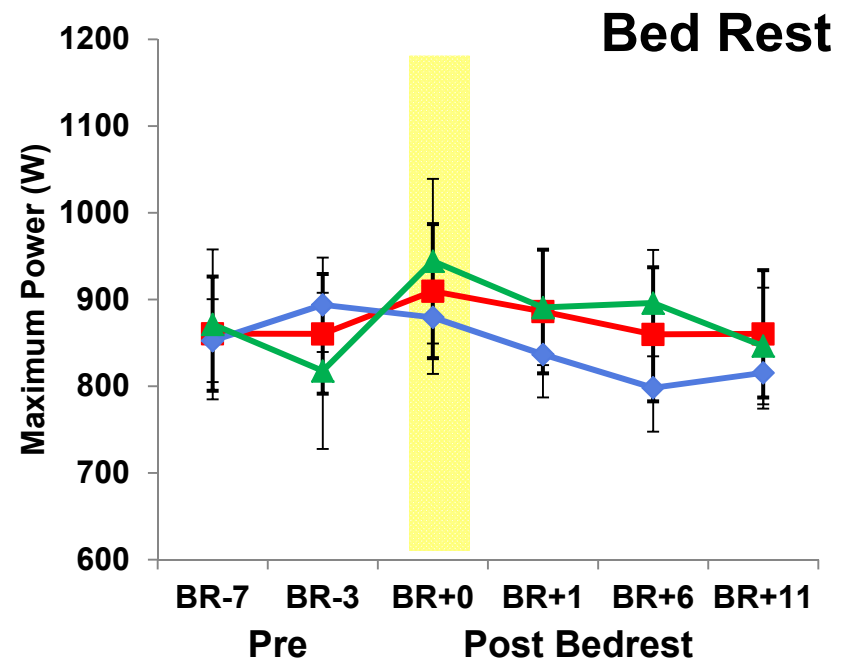
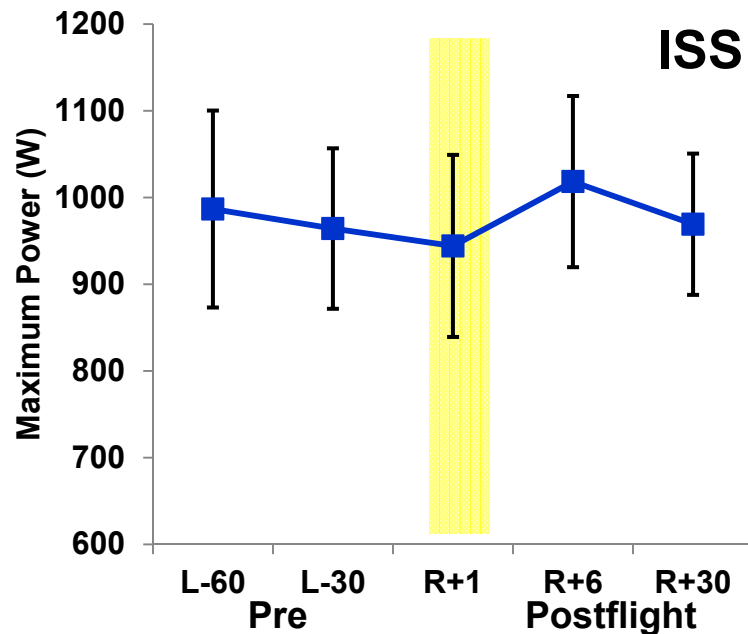
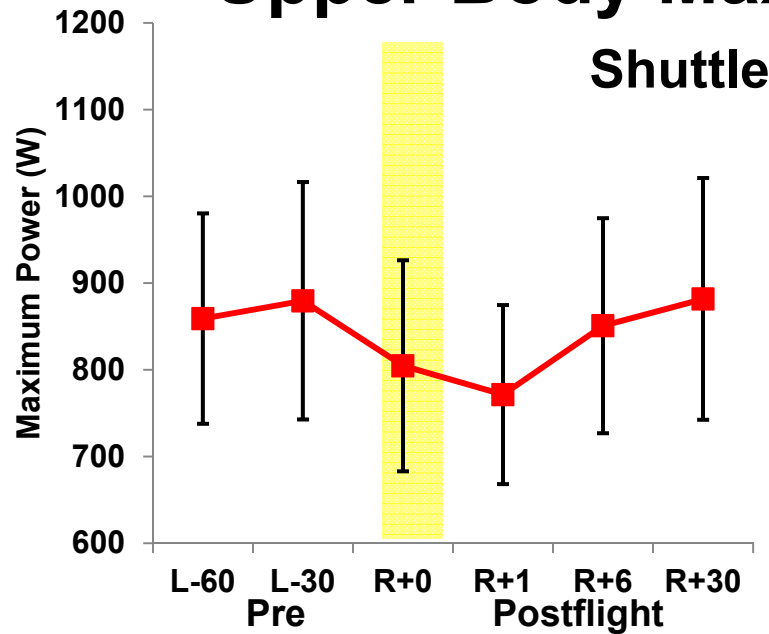
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Upper Body Maximum Total Work



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Upper Body Maximum Max. Power

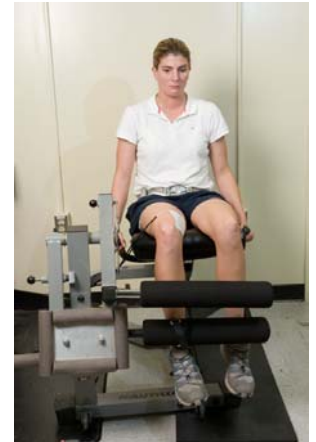
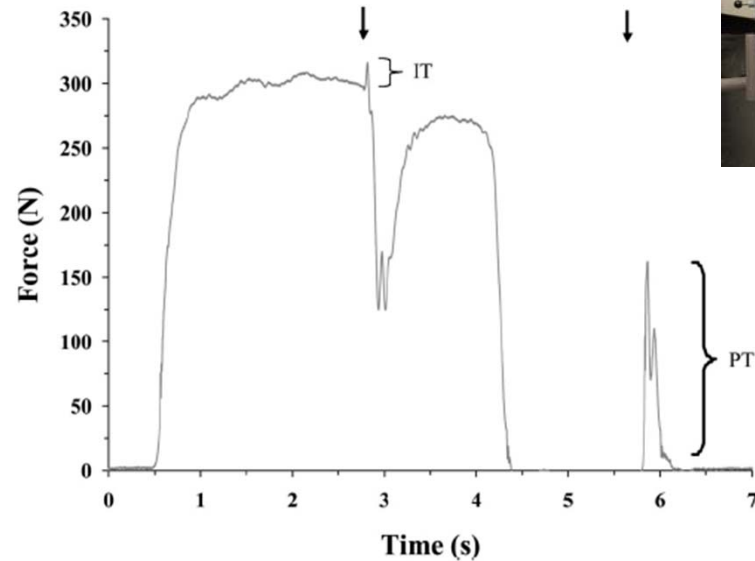
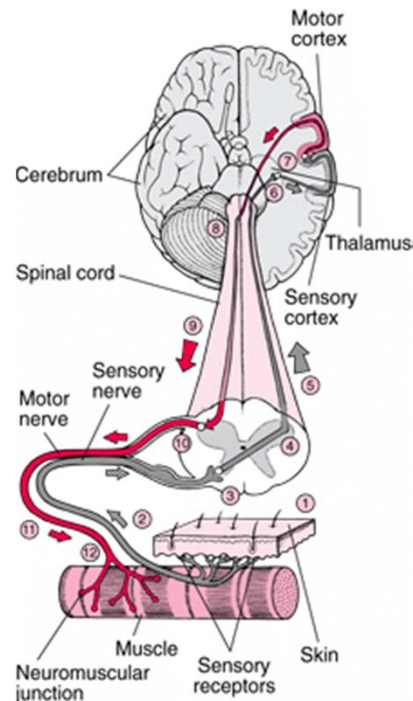


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Central Neural Activation Capacity

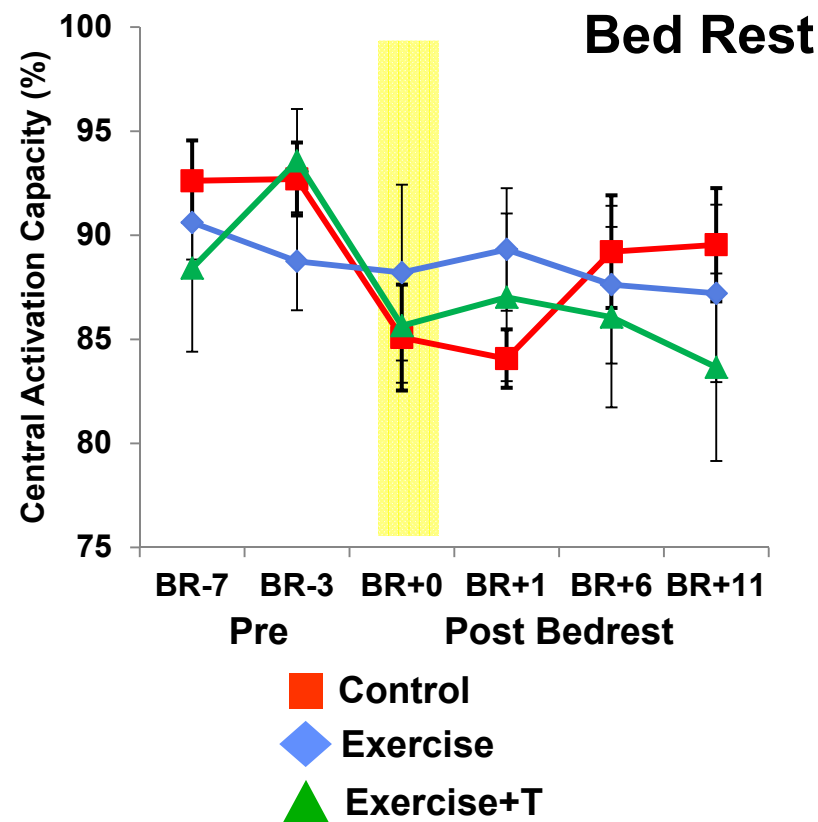
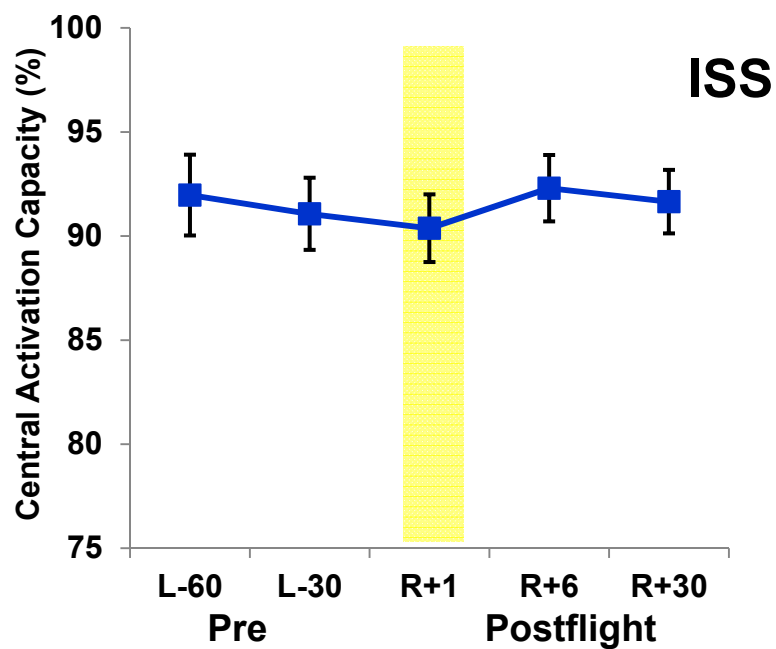
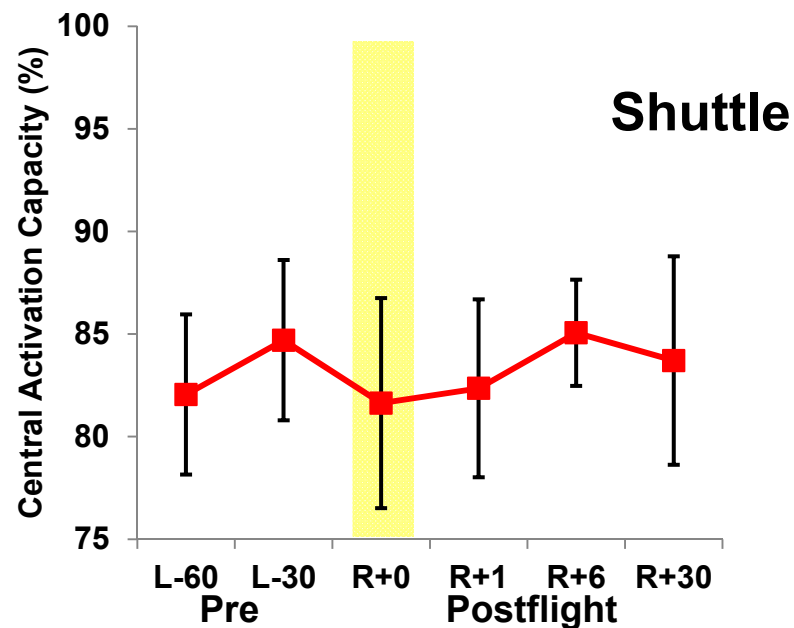
Loss of muscle strength due to space flight could be caused by changes in two factors:

- 1) Change in central neural activation, leads to changes in ability to recruit muscle fibers
- 2) Muscle atrophy

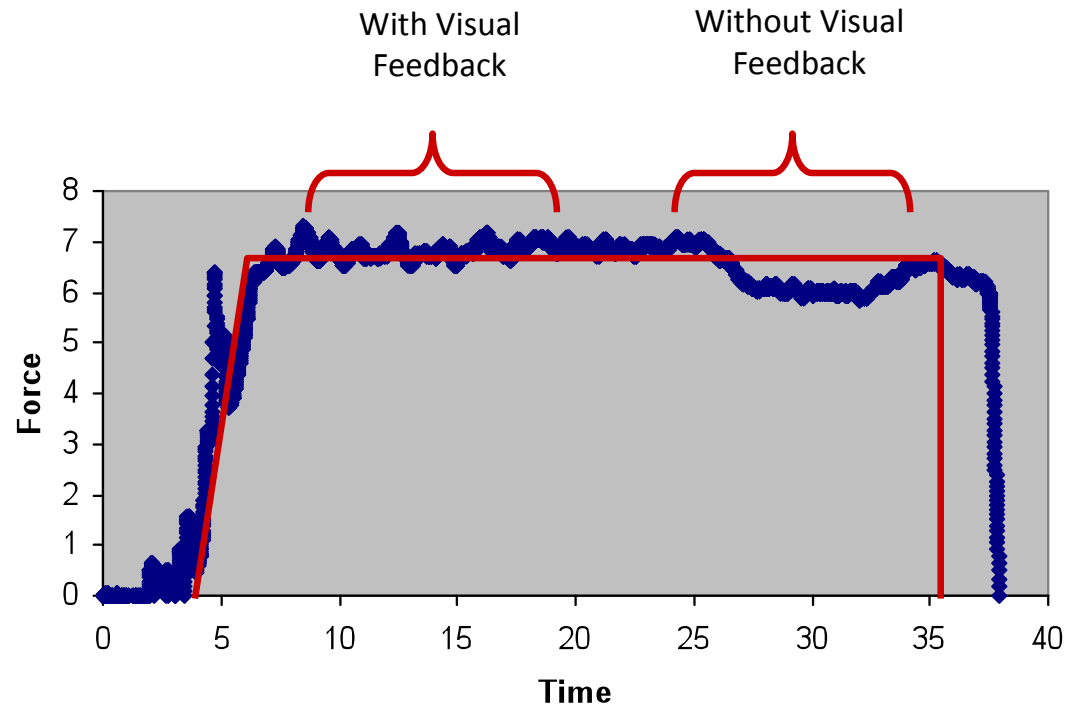


Twitch interpolation method used to assess neural activation capacity. Electrical muscle stimulus was provided to thigh muscle during maximal isometric leg extension.

Central Neural Activation Capacity



Assessment of Force Control

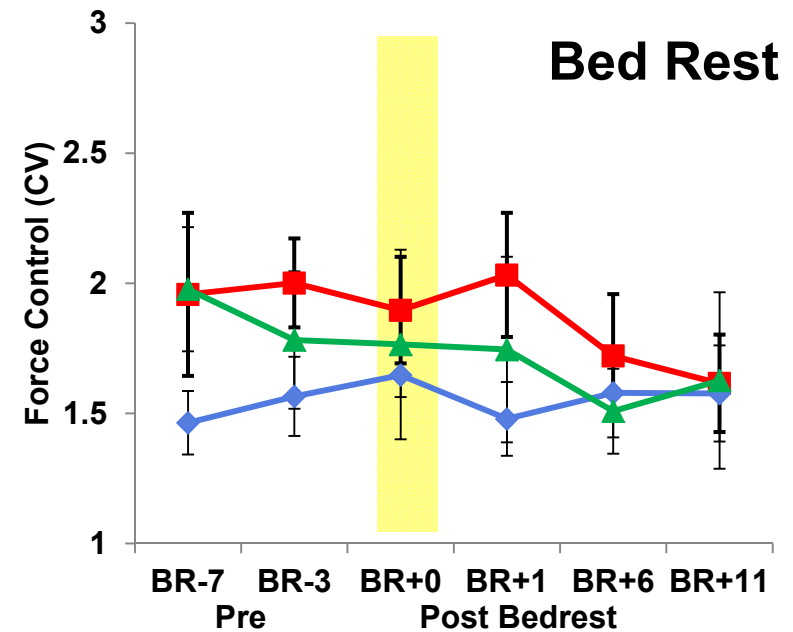
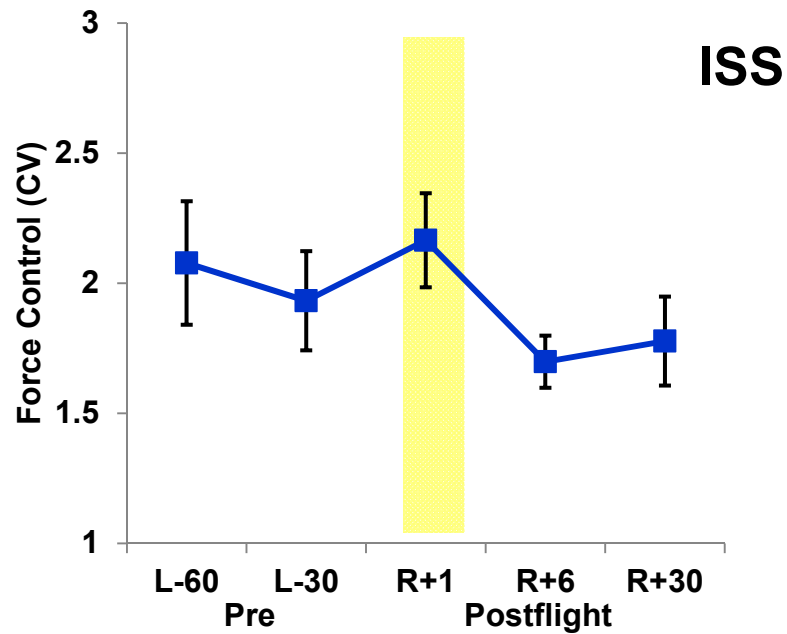
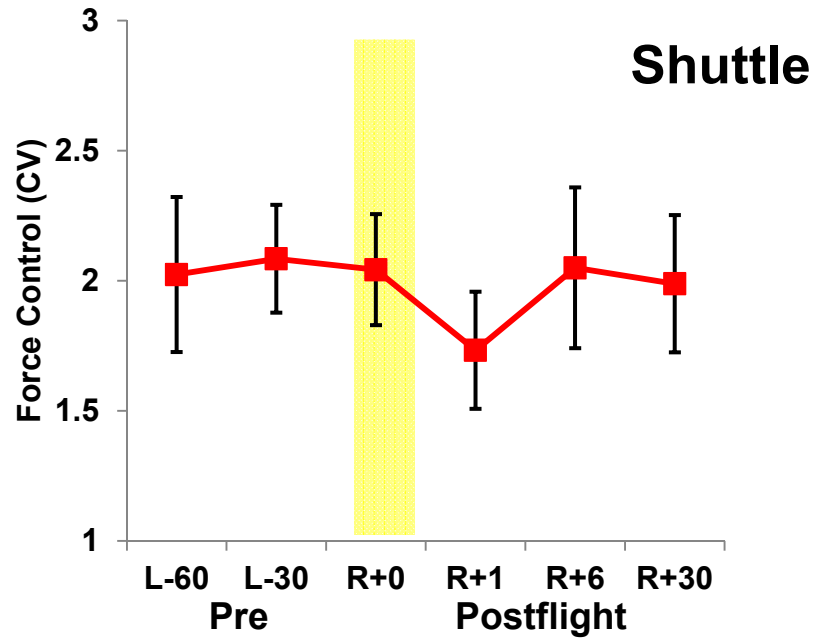


$$\text{Coefficient of Variation (COV)} = \frac{\text{SD force output}}{\text{mean force output}}$$

Subject matched leg or arm force with a reference force displayed on computer screen during isometric arm and leg extension (5% max force). Test done with and without visual feedback

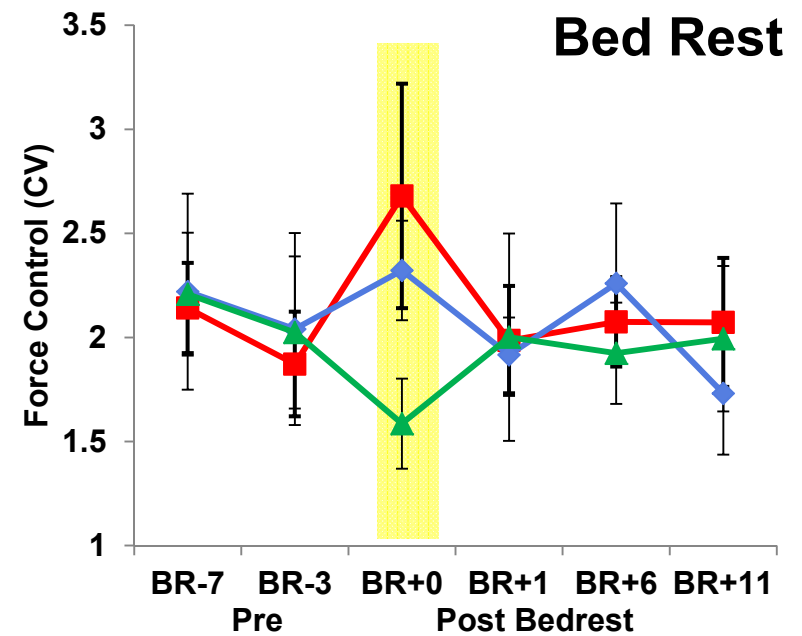
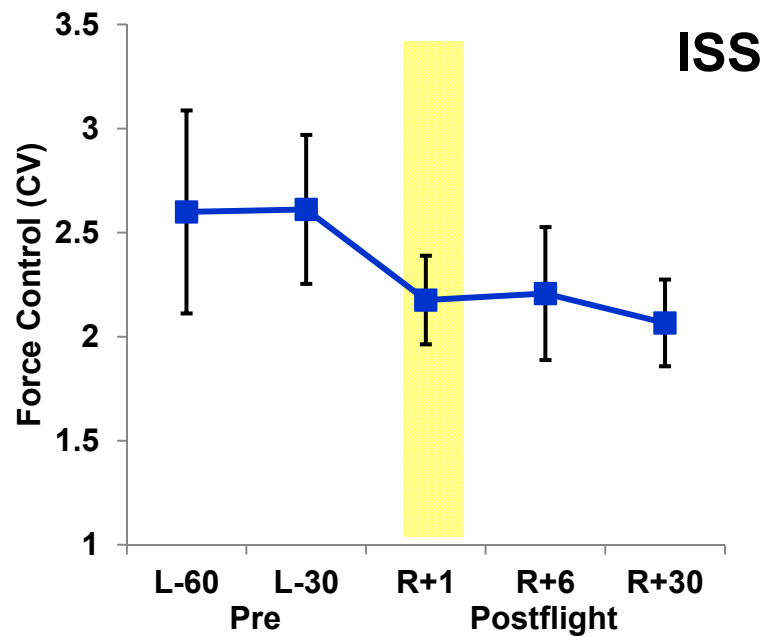
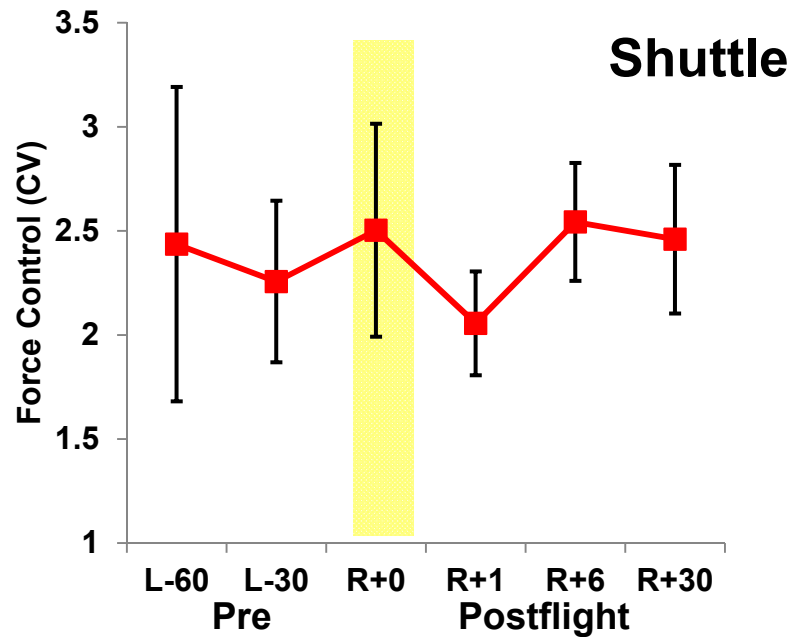


Lower Limb Force Control: With Visual Feedback



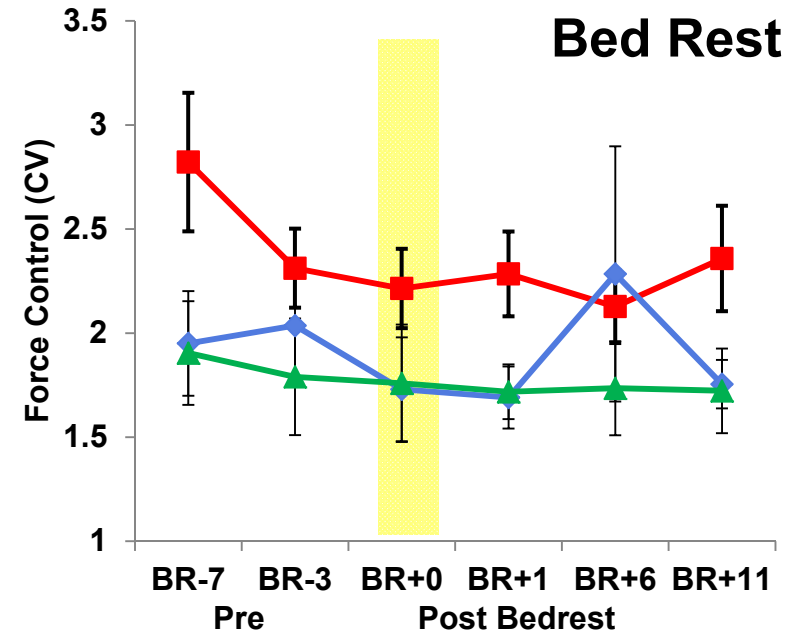
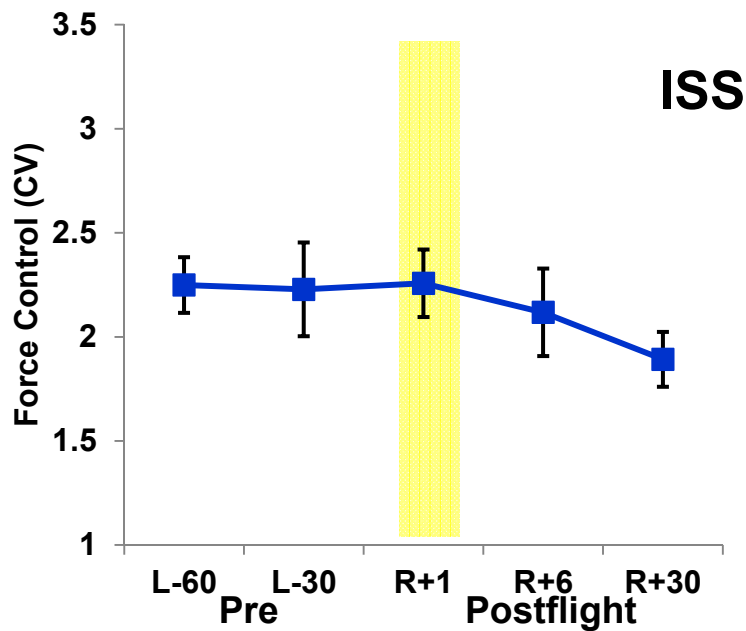
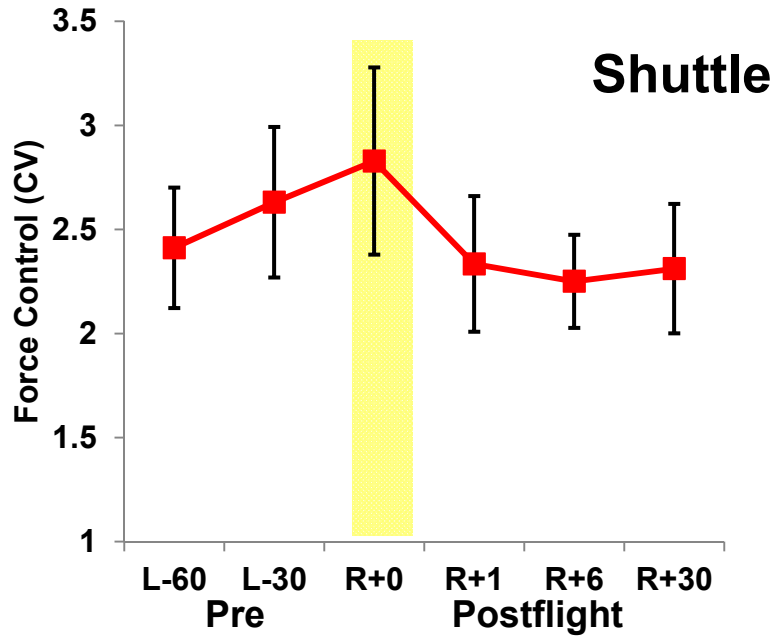
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Lower Limb Force Control: Without Visual Feedback



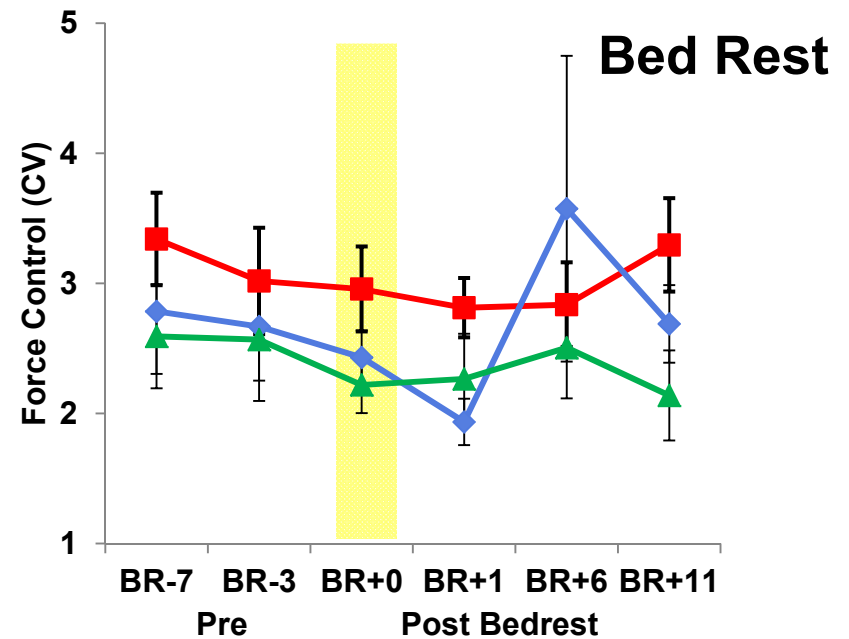
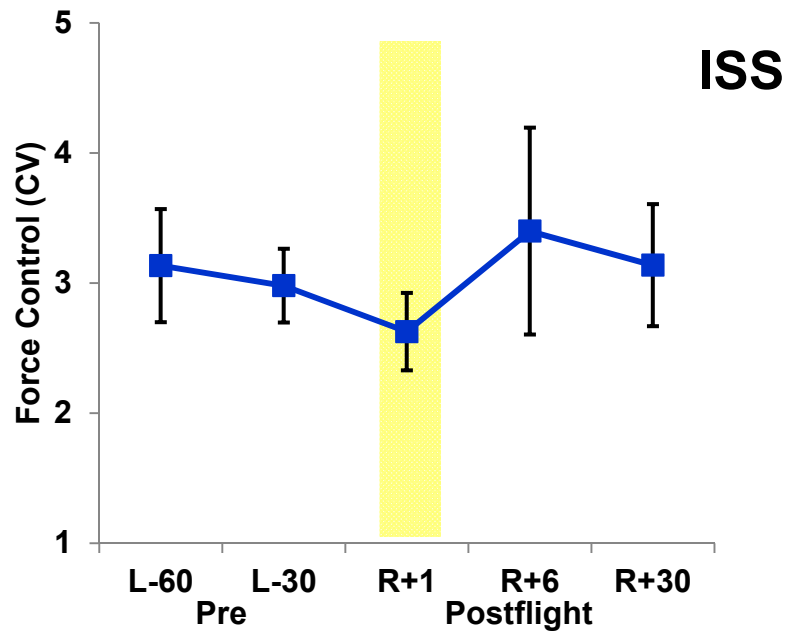
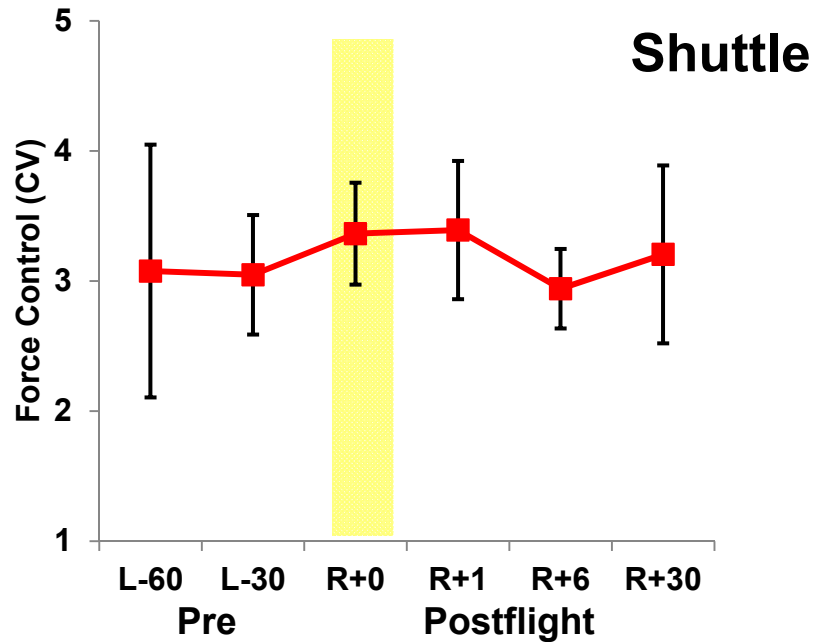
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Upper Limb Force Control: With Visual Feedback



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Upper Limb Force Control: Without Visual Feedback

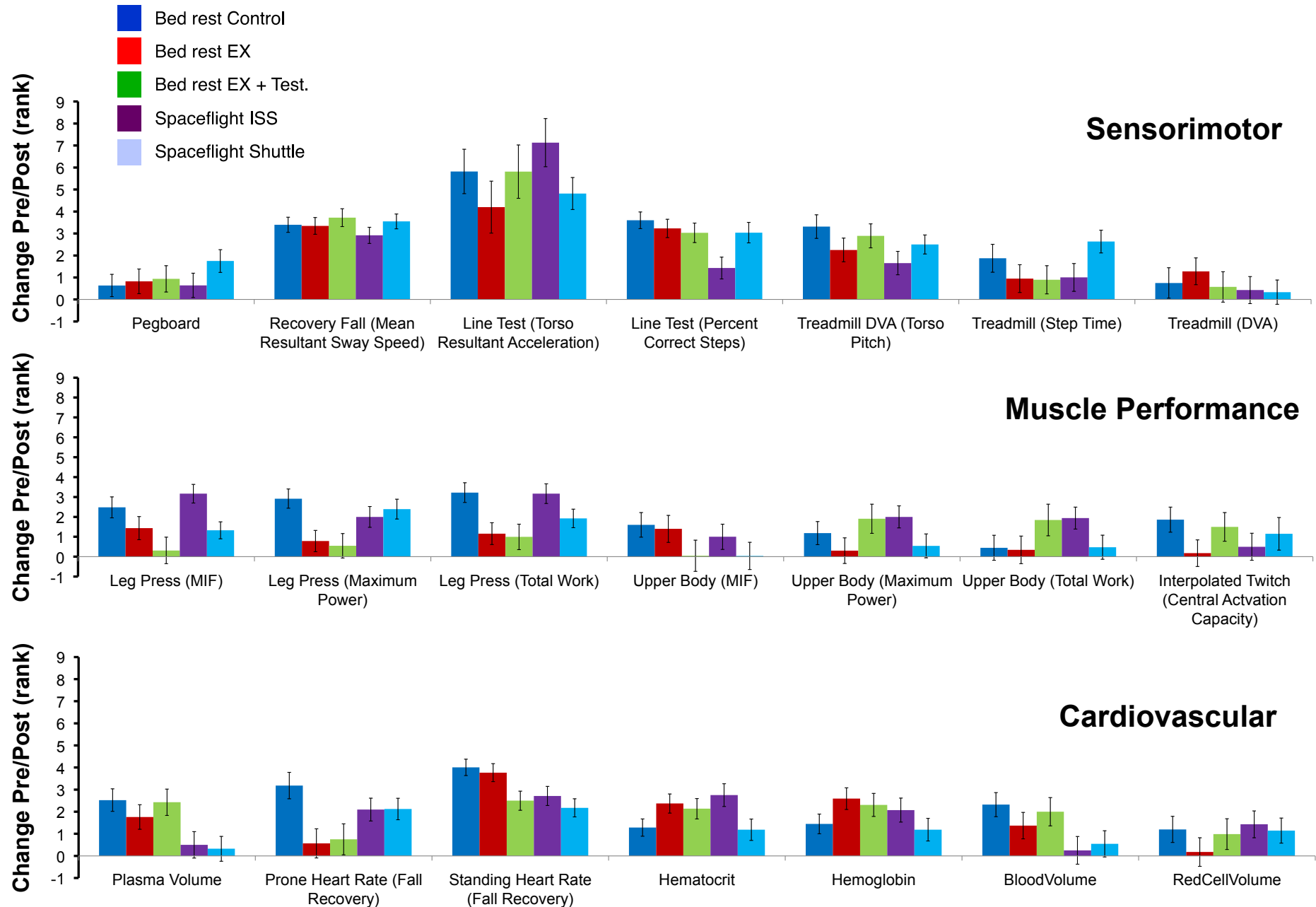


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Summary: Muscle Performance

- Control bed rest subjects show decreased muscle performance of lower limbs.
- Central neural activation capacity altered for control bed rest subjects.
- No overall changes in force control were detected in all groups.

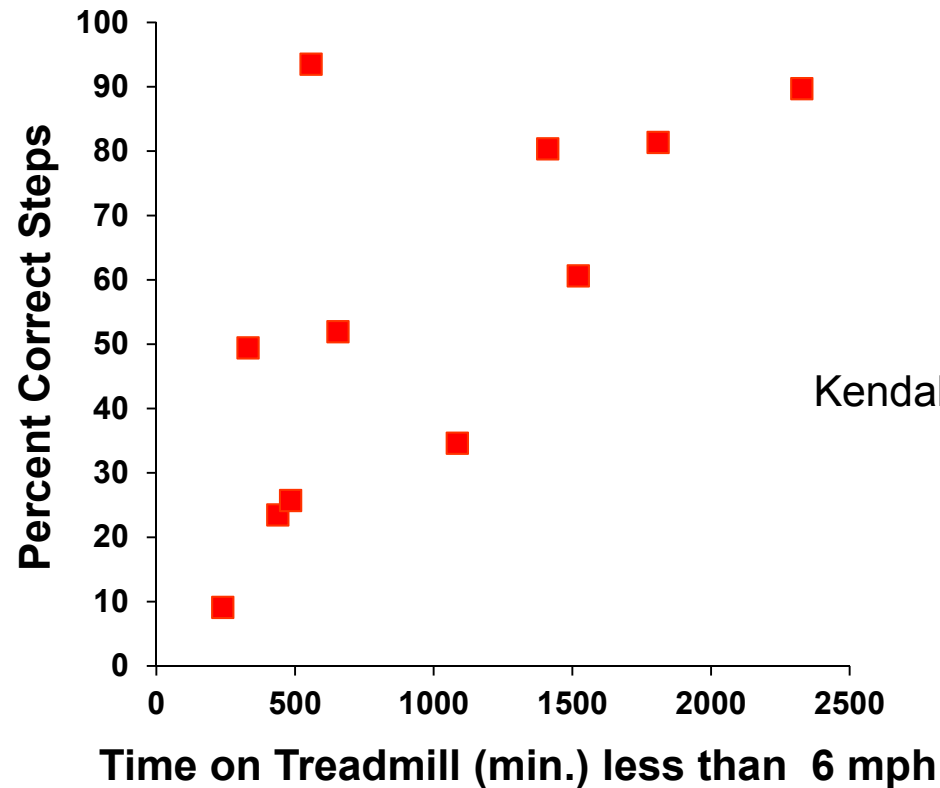
Comparison of Physiological Tests



Inflight Treadmill Exercise and Postflight Dynamic Walking Performance



Tandem Walk Test



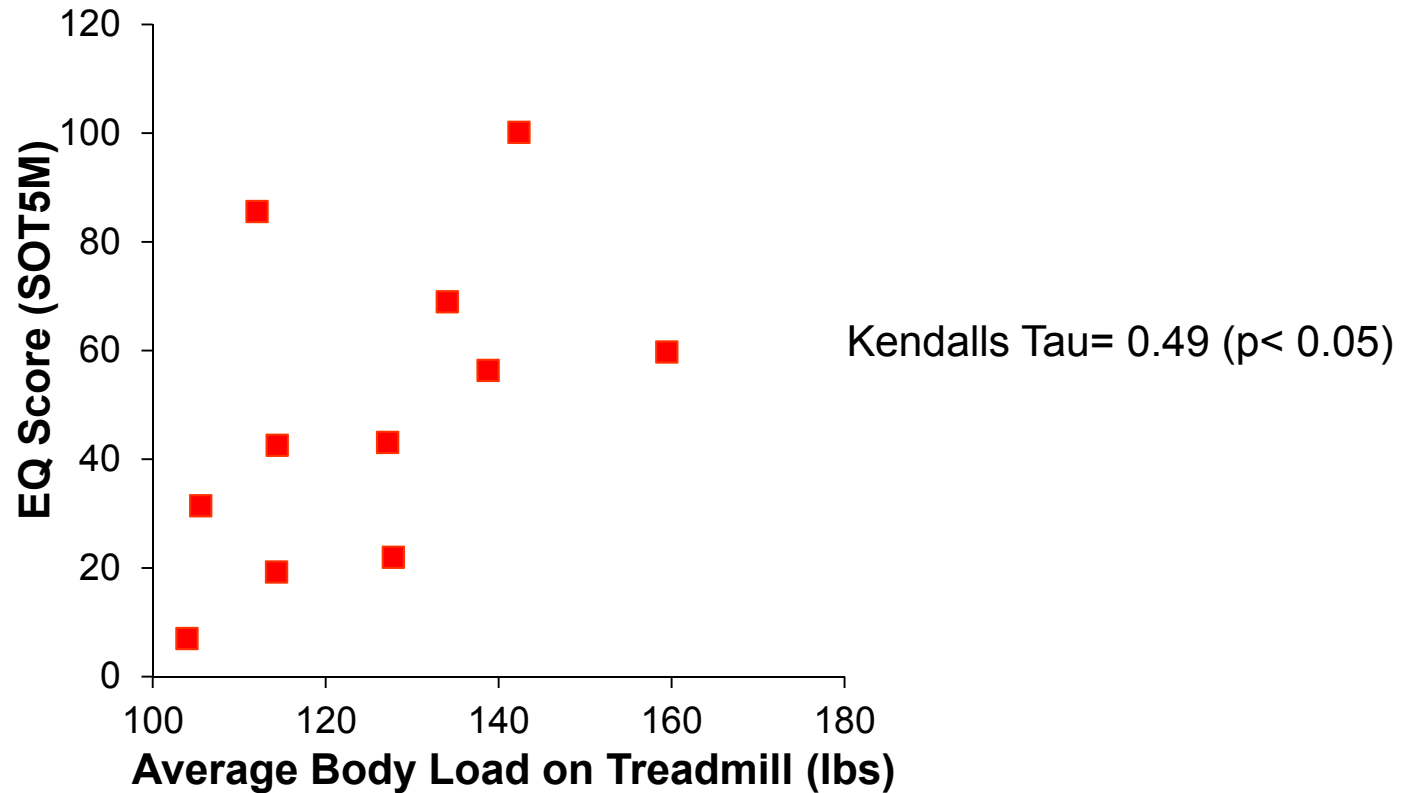
Inflight Treadmill Exercise

**More time on treadmill
associated with improved
postflight postural stability
control**

Inflight Treadmill Exercise and Postflight Posture Control



Posture Test

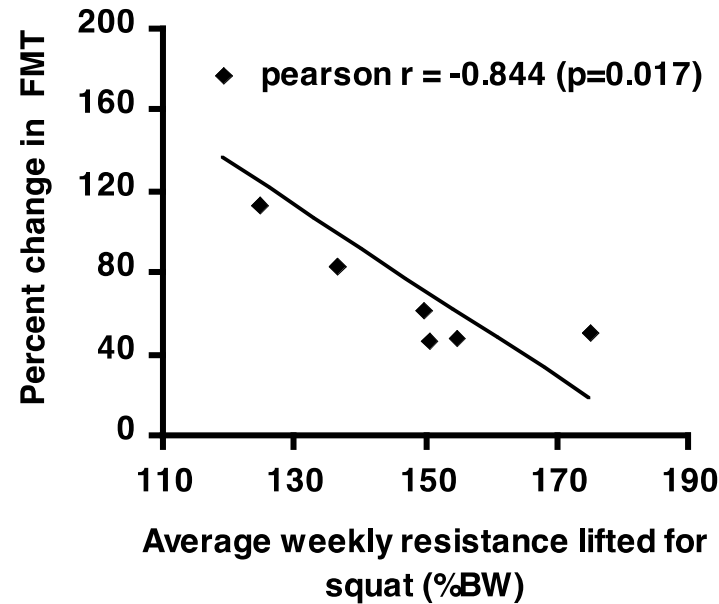
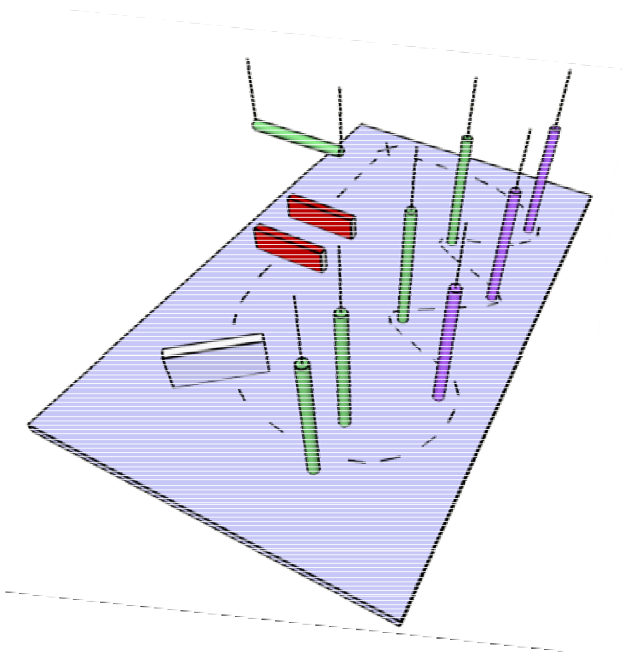


Inflight Treadmill Exercise

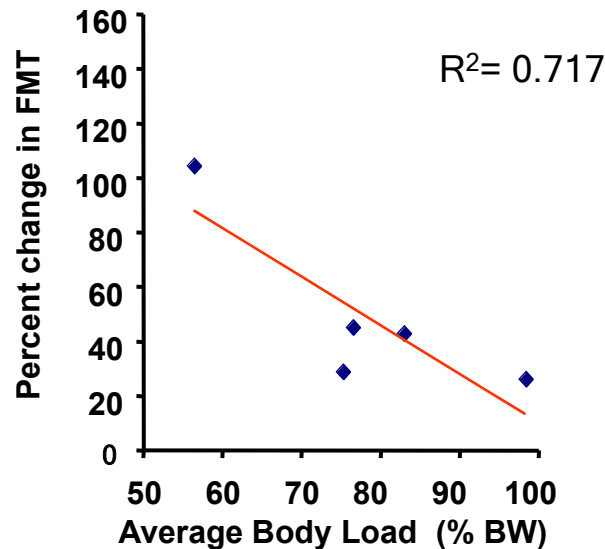
Increased body loading on treadmill associated with improved postflight postural stability control

Exercising with greater loads improves postflight functional mobility (previous Mobility study)

Functional Mobility Test (FMT)



Greater loads during inflight squat exercises associated with enhanced postflight functional mobility



Increased body loading on treadmill enhanced recovery of postflight functional mobility

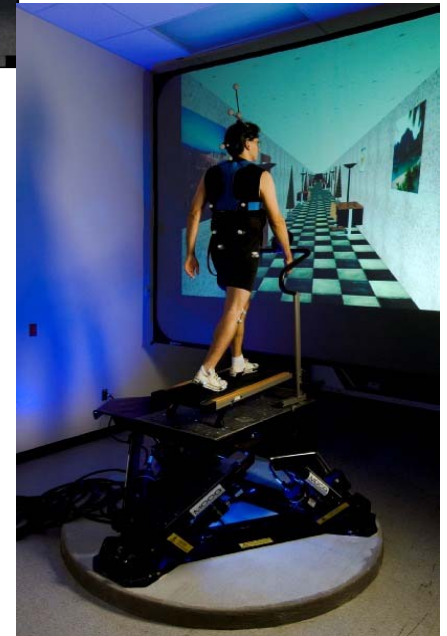
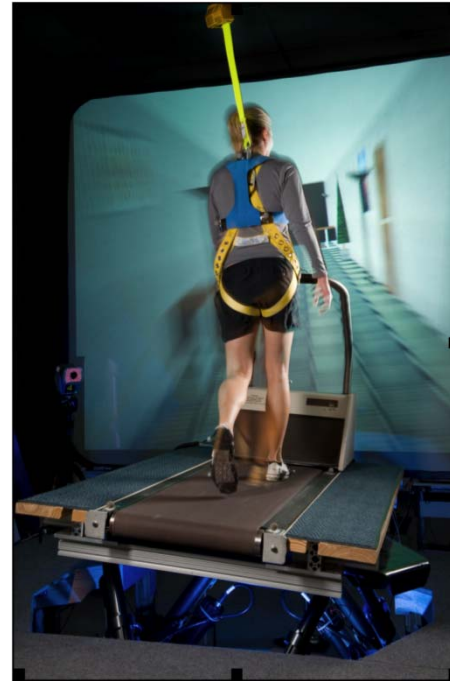
Integrated Countermeasure System: Requirements

- 1) Aerobic Exercise
- 2) Resistive Exercise
- 3) Balance training using treadmill walking
 - Support surface motion
 - Modified visual flow
 - Axial body loading

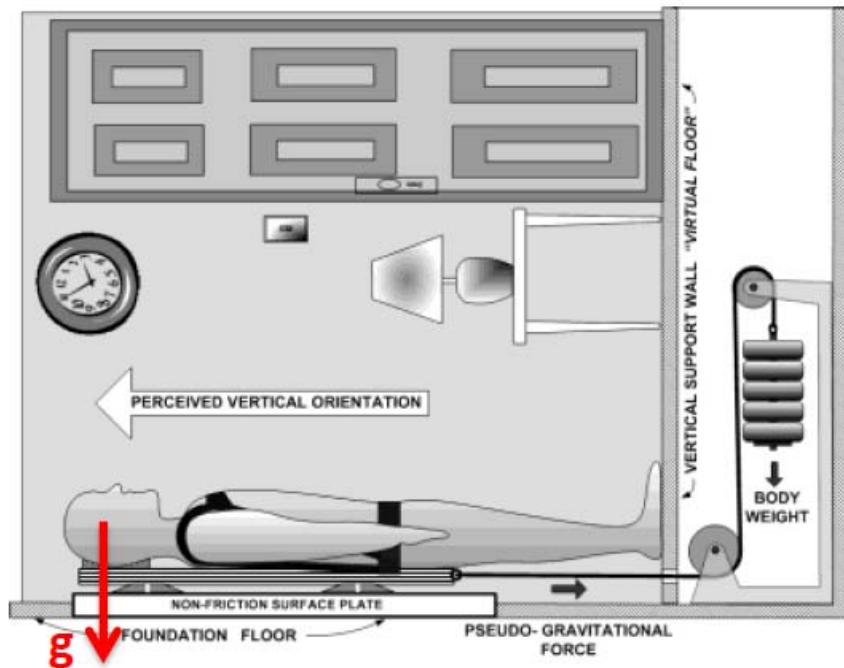
Sensorimotor Adaptability Training System

Train on a treadmill with surrogate sensory challenges:

- Altered visual information
- Support surface motion (motion base treadmill system)
- Variation in body loading



Gravity-Bed: Method to Provide Balance Training During Bed Rest

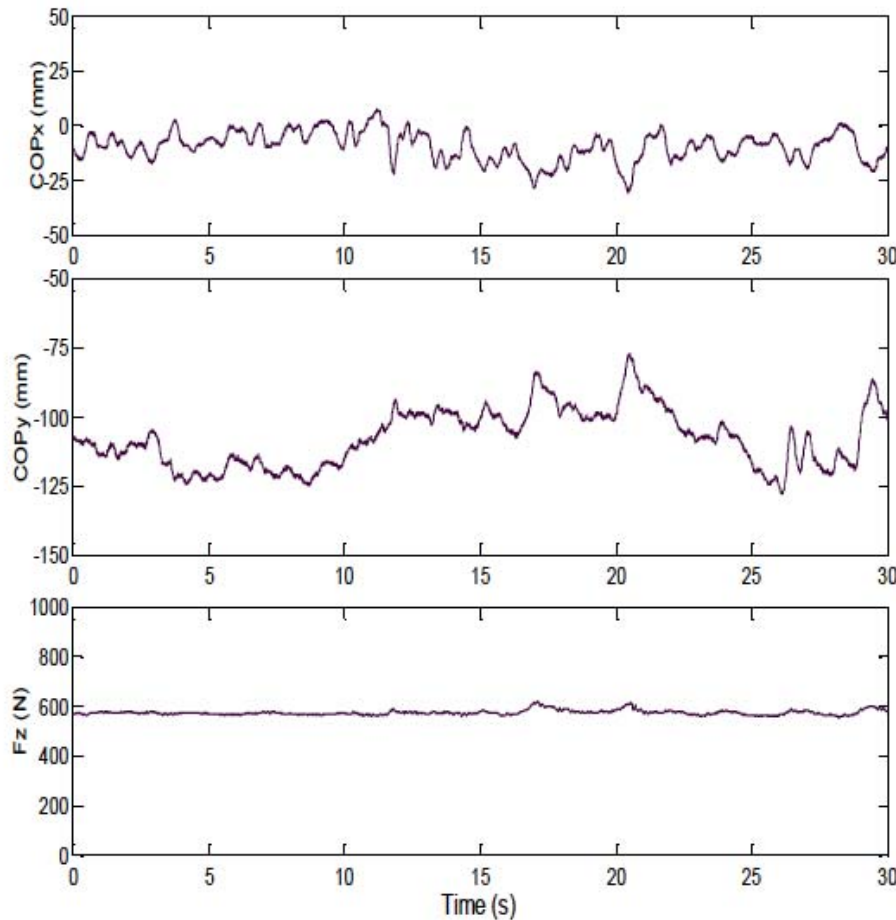


**Backpack frame freely moving on
air-bearings**

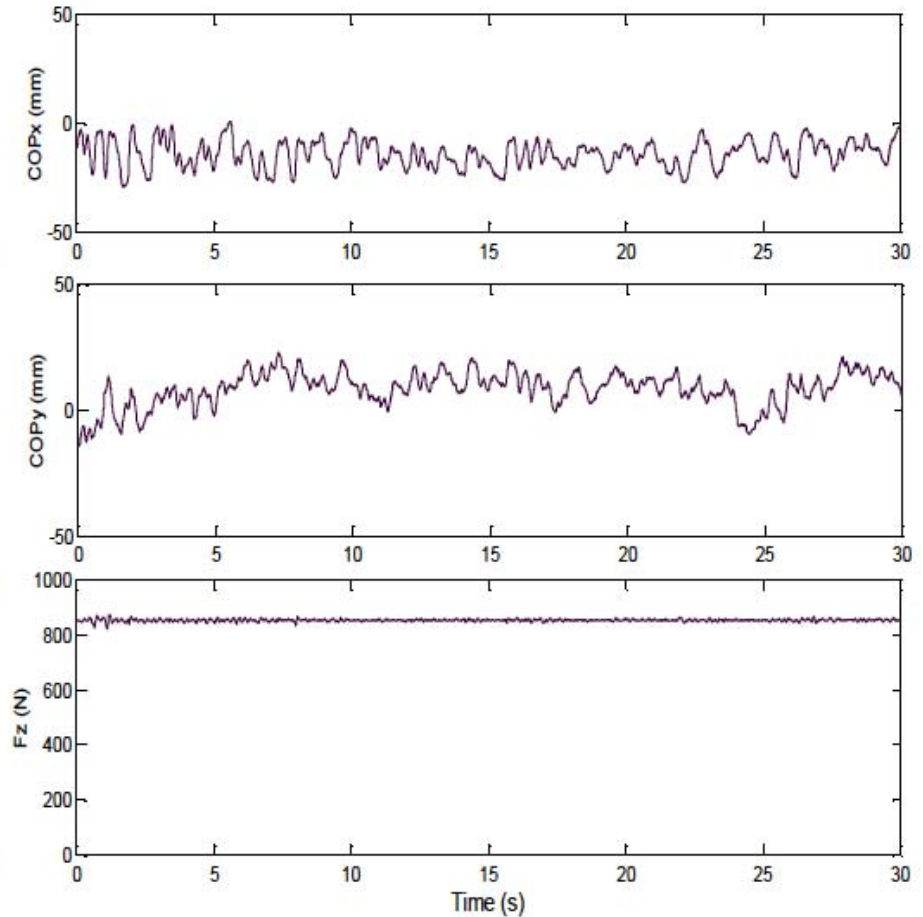
Oddsson et al. A rehabilitation tool for functional balance using altered gravity and virtual reality
Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation 4:25, 2007

Sample Postural Stability Data

Tilted Room One-Leg Standing



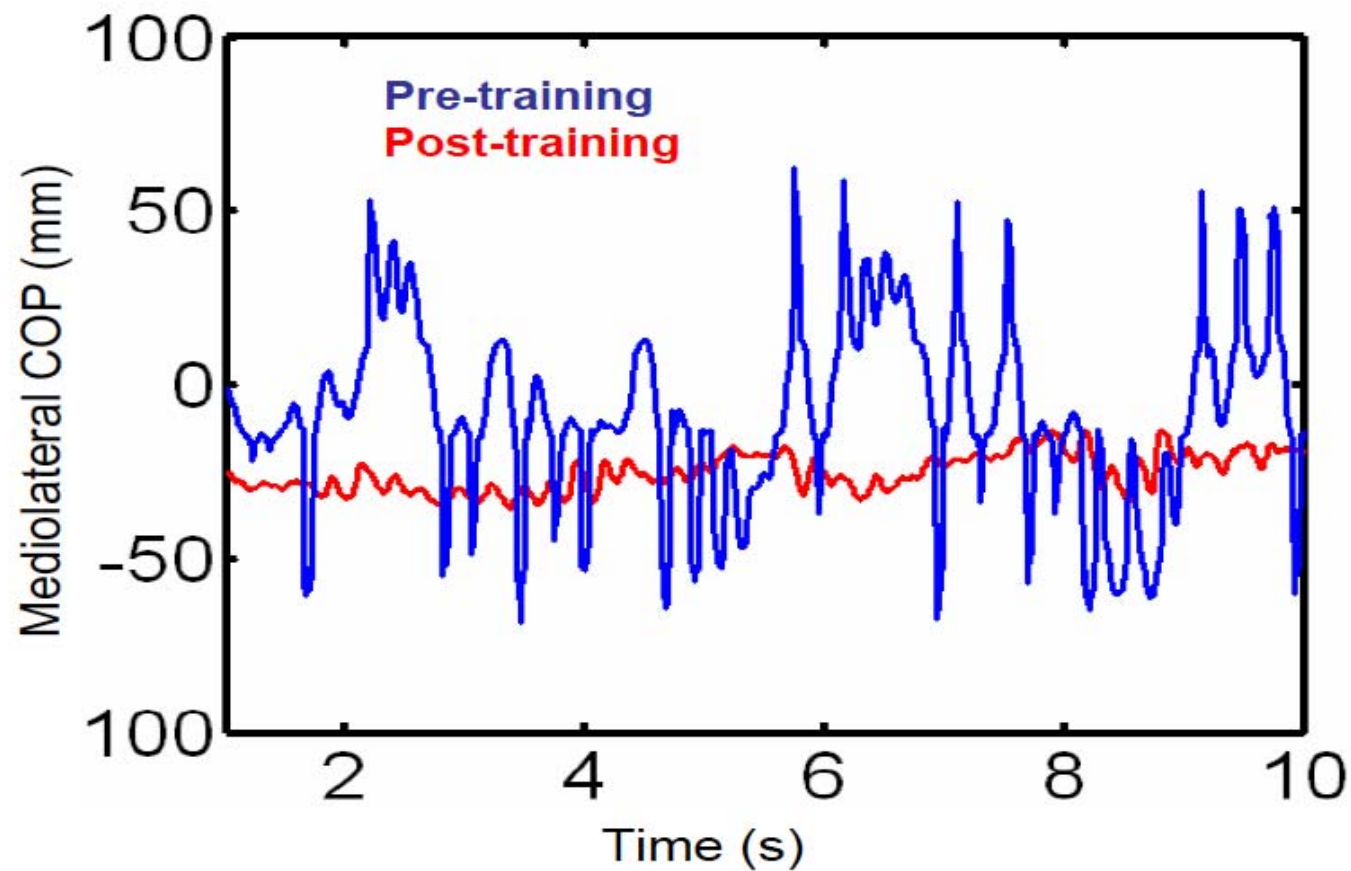
Upright One-Leg Standing



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Gravity Bed Produces Similar Instability to Upright Standing

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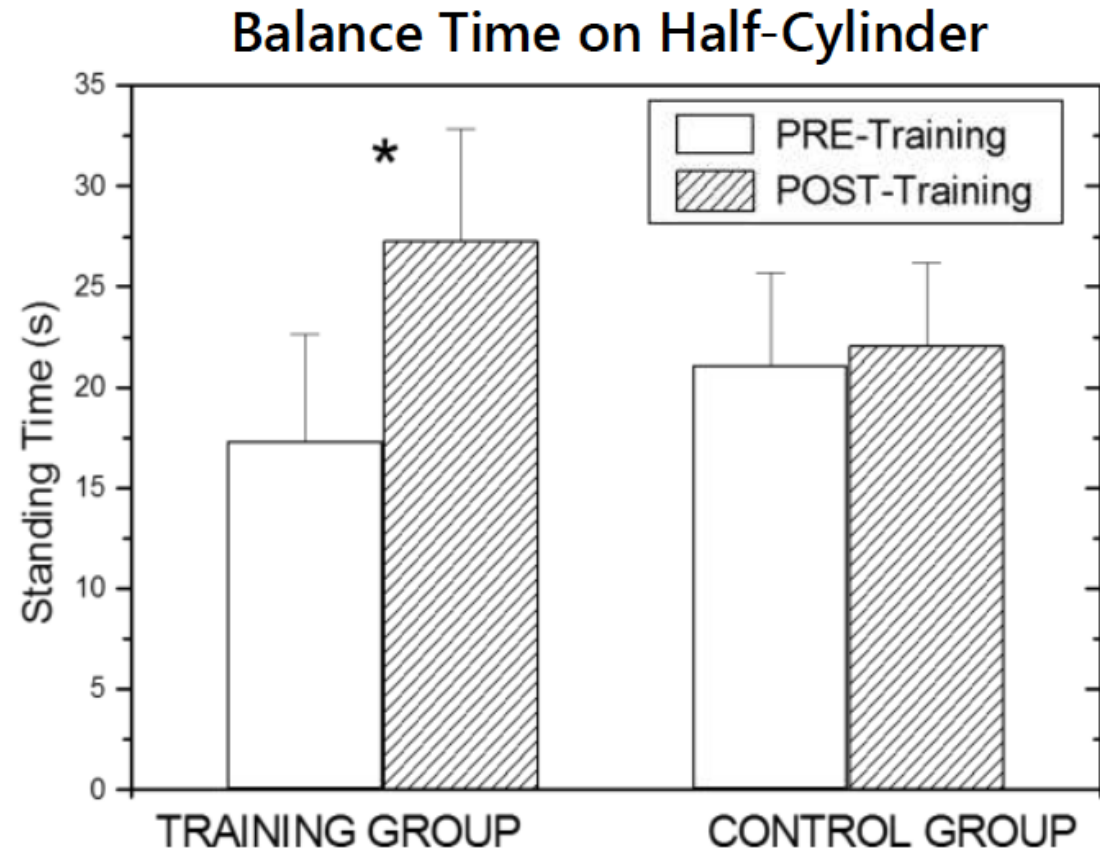


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Gravity Bed Produces a Balance Training Effect

Gravity-Bed Training Study

- Balance board in supine
- 10 training sessions over two weeks
- 5+5 healthy young subjects
- 10 trials 1-leg balancing for 35 s max

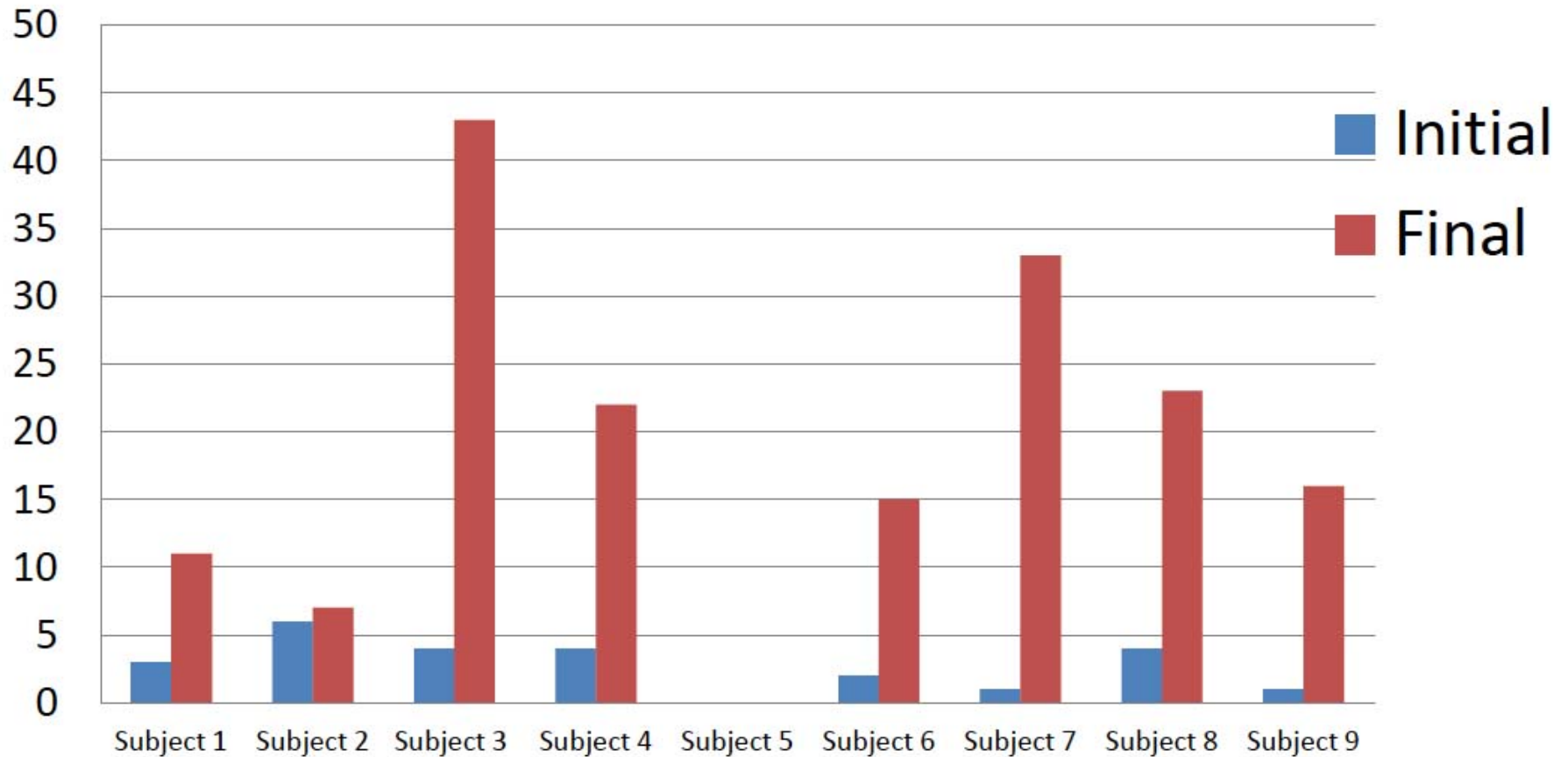


- Increase in Balance Time of 58% (17.3s to 27.3s, $p < 0.05$)
- No Change in Control Subjects

Oddsson & Wall 2002

Gravity-Bed Produces Improvement in Balance Control

BERG BALANCE SCORE

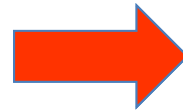


Gravity Bed Training Improves Balance in Patients with Severe Balance Problems

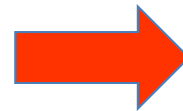
Integrated Countermeasure System: Bed Rest Study

Training Group

- 1) Aerobic Exercise
- 2) Resistive Exercise
- 3) Balance training using treadmill walking
 - Support surface motion
 - Modified visual flow
 - Axial body loading



Flywheel



Gravity Bed

Compare with Control and Exercise subjects from CFT70

Publication Plan

- 1) Combined space flight and bed rest paper
- 2) Multiple discipline/topic specific papers

Backup Slide

Somers D : Within Subject Significant Relationship

	Upright Egress	Supine Egress	Fall Recovery	Rock Translation	Activity Board	Torque Generation (Maximum)	Torque Generation (Work)	Ladder Climb
Sensorimotor	1. Pegboard 2. Fall Recovery (Mean Resultant Sway Speed) 3. Line Test (Torso Resultant Acceleration) 4. Treadmill (Trunk Pitch) 5. Treadmill (Step Time) 6. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps) 7. Jump (Settling Time)	1. Pegboard 2. Fall Recovery (Mean Resultant Sway Speed) 3. Line Test (Torso Resultant Acceleration) 4. Treadmill (Trunk Pitch) 5. Treadmill (Step Time) 6. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps) 7. Jump (Settling Time)	1. Pegboard 2. Fall Recovery (Mean Resultant Sway Speed) 3. Line Test (Torso Resultant Acceleration) 4. Treadmill (Trunk Pitch) 5. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps) 6. Jump (Settling Time)	1. Pegboard 2. Fall Recovery (Mean Resultant Sway Speed) 3. Line Test (Torso Resultant Acceleration) 4. Treadmill (Trunk Pitch) 5. Treadmill (Step Time) 6. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps) 7. Jump (Settling Time)	1. Pegboard 2. Line Test (Torso Resultant Acceleration) 3. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps)	1. Fall Recovery (Mean Resultant Sway Speed)	1. Pegboard 2. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps) 3. Jump (Settling Time)	1. Pegboard 2. Fall Recovery (Mean Resultant Sway Speed) 3. Line Test (Torso Resultant Acceleration) 4. Treadmill (Trunk Pitch) 5. Treadmill (Step Time) 6. Line Test (Percent Correct Steps) 7. Jump (Settling Time)
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Correlations between Functional and Physiological Tests (all data combined)